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けり。第六期を迎えた地球は、河に覆われようとしていた——  
 水に覆われようとして、栄華を誇る巨人、タイタン族も存亡の危機に。  
 かつて無限の科学と精神力で、地殻の温度を上げようとして……!?  
 水に覆われ、太陽エネルギーの減少により、7度目の氷期が襲う！  
 生き残りをかけて、人類は「第二の太閤」を遣り出そうとするが……!?  
 表層内ほか、単行本収録作「ホライズン・パトロール」を含む全3冊!!

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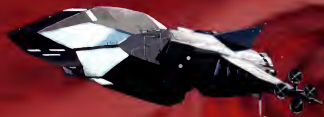
## **Legend of Giants**

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Legend of Giants Part 1  
**Burning 5th Planet**



\*There were 6 glacial periods which, from oldest to youngest, are named Elster, Weichsel, Günz, Mindel, Riss and Würm glaciations. (The Hoxley glaciation, which comes between Günz and Mindel glaciations, was identified four years after publication of this story and was thus not included).



It is estimated that a third of the Northern Hemisphere was frozen over in thick ice.



The trials of living in this freezing era would continue for the early humans for many more millennia.



70,000 years ago, the Earth was still locked in a biting winter cold...



This was the sixth and most recent ice age, also known as the Würm glaciation...





60,000 BC, Titan

HEY, WAIT!  
...AN AVALANCHE...  
AND THERE WERE  
PEOPLE BURIED  
BY IT.

WHAT  
FRIGHTENING SPEED...  
THE GLACIERS ARE  
ENCROACHING FASTER  
THAN EVER BEFORE,  
FROM...

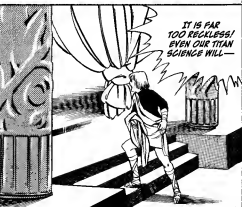
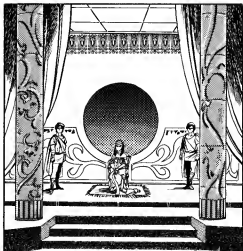
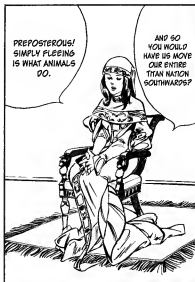
THEY'RE  
ALL LOST NOW...  
NO WAIT, THIS  
CHILD ALONE IS  
STILL BREATHING  
AT LEAST.

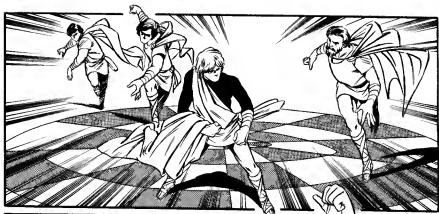


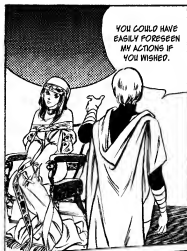






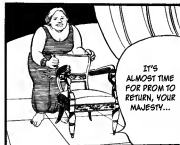
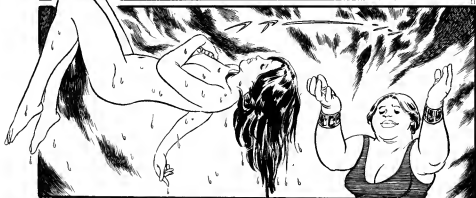
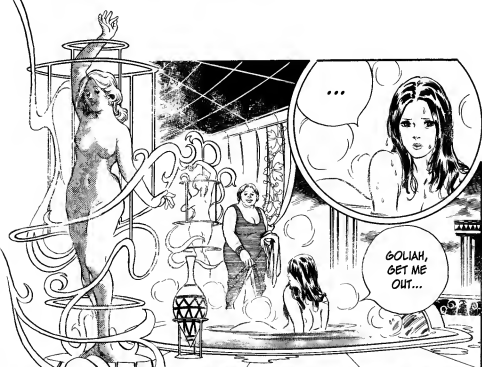












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AHH! T-THAT'S  
MY WINE!



HIC

AHH,  
THAT HITS  
THE SPOT...



IS IT  
GOOD,  
NOBU?



BORIS, TOO,  
WANDERED INTO  
OUR COUNTRY WHEN  
HE WAS A CHILD. HE  
HAS SINCE BECOME  
MY GOOD FRIEND.



THEN WHAT  
ABOUT THIS?  
HOW COME MY  
BODY FEELS SO  
LIGHT NOW?



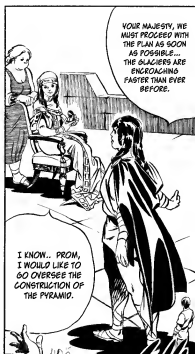
HEY, PROM...  
HOW DID I  
BECOME SO  
TINY?

Burp!



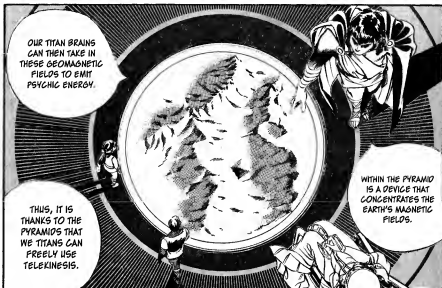
THAT'S NOT TRUE.  
IT'S JUST THAT  
TITANS ARE MUCH  
BIGGER THAN YOUR  
KIND. JUST LOOK AT  
BORIS COMPARED  
TO ME.

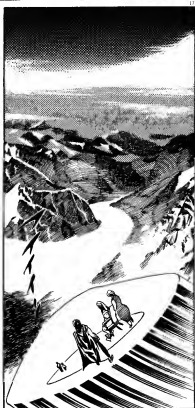


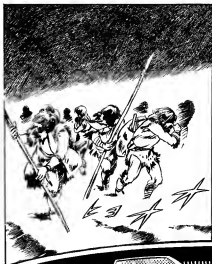












BE STRONG, NOBU!!  
THE ERA WHEN HUMANS  
AND BEASTS ALIKE ARE  
CONTINUALLY AT THE  
MERCY OF THE BITTER  
COLD WILL SOON  
BE OVER...

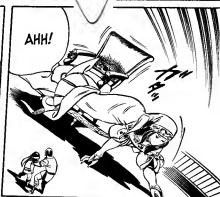
R... REALLY!?  
ARE YOU GOING TO  
USE YOUR MAGIC  
TO BLOW ALL THE  
SNOW AWAY OR  
SOMETHING?

AGHH!?

WE TITANS  
WILL SOON  
SUMMON A  
PLEASANT  
SPRING!



OH NO, WE'RE  
ABOVE THE  
GEOMAGNETIC  
POLE! WE'VE  
COME TOO  
CLOSE TO  
TARTARUS!





SO THIS  
IS TARTARUS,  
THE ABYSS  
OF HELL!?

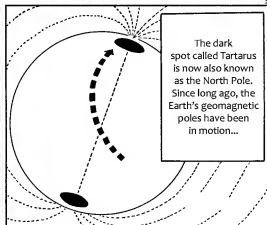
IT'S A  
HOLE THE SIZE  
OF AN OCEAN!  
IT'S LIKE I'M  
SEEING A PITCH  
BLACK OCEAN  
BELOW!



YES...  
ITS MOVEMENT  
WAS WHAT CAUSED  
THE ICE AGE!



For instance,  
some 200 million  
years ago,  
the North Pole  
was located on  
the Japanese  
Islands.



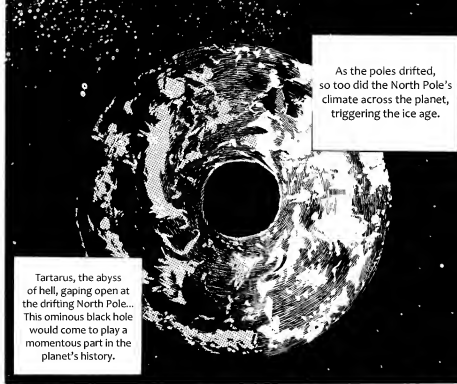
The dark  
spot called Tartarus  
is now also known  
as the North Pole.  
Since long ago, the  
Earth's geomagnetic  
poles have been  
in motion...



I-IY  
MOVES...!?  
THE HOLE  
MOVES!?

THAT IS  
NO ORDINARY  
HOLE, NOBU...  
TARTARUS IS  
A HOLE THAT  
MOVES!



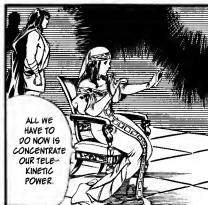


As the poles drifted,  
so too did the North Pole's  
climate across the planet,  
triggering the ice age.

Tartarus, the abyss  
of hell, gaping open at  
the drifting North Pole...  
This ominous black hole  
would come to play a  
momentous part in the  
planet's history.



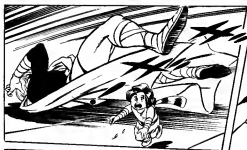


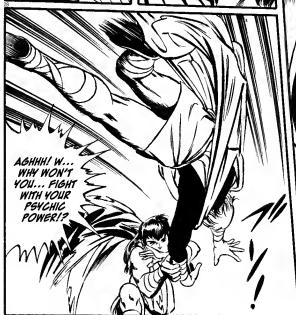


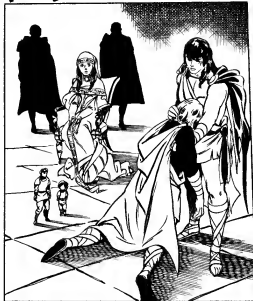












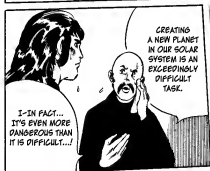




EVERYTHING  
IS AS I  
FORESAW...

F...  
FORGIVE  
ME, SIR!

YOU'RE AN ASTRONOMER,  
AREN'T YOU? TELL ME!  
IS THE PLAN TO BUILD  
A FIFTH PLANET  
IMPOSSIBLE!?



I-IN FACT...  
IT'S EVEN MORE  
DANGEROUS THAN  
IT IS DIFFICULT...!

CREATING  
A NEW PLANET  
IN OUR SOLAR  
SYSTEM IS AN  
EXCEEDINGLY  
DIFFICULT  
TASK.



AHH!  
YOUR VOICE  
IS TOO LOUD,  
SIR!

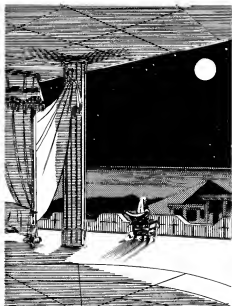
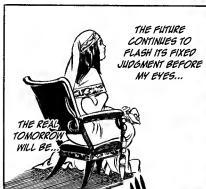
T...  
THEN WAS  
MY BROTHER  
TELLING THE  
TRUTH!?



BUT WE WERE  
FORBIDDEN FROM  
TELLING THIS  
TO OTHERS...

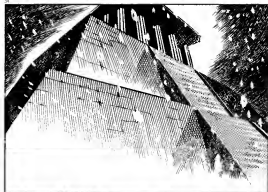
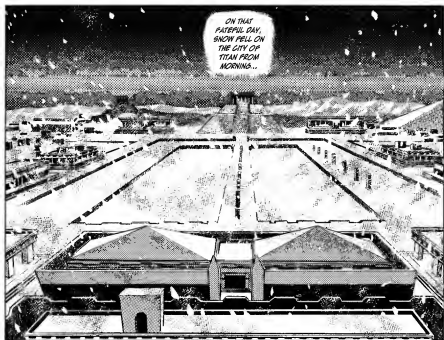


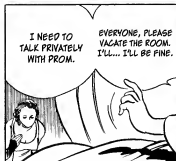
SO THE  
QUEEN REALLY  
DID SILENCE THE  
ASTRONOMERS!?













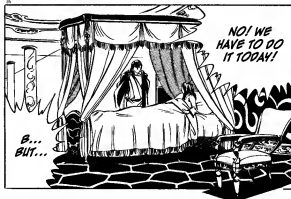
THE SAME KIND  
OF DREAM I'VE  
BEEN DREAMING  
SINCE I WAS A  
LITTLE GIRL...

I SAW A  
DREAM LAST  
NIGHT...



HOW I WISH I COULD  
HAVE DIED THAT WAY.  
TO DIE IN THAT SWEET  
DREAM AS THE SNOW  
BURIED MY BODY...

IN IT, I WAS DANCING WITH  
LESS THAT COULD MOVE...  
TWIRLING AND LAUGHING,  
JUST LIKE A NORMAL  
GIRL...

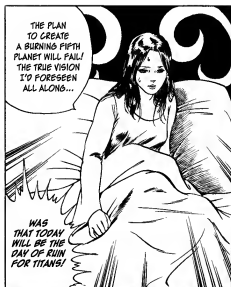


NO! WE  
HAVE TO DO  
IT TODAY!

B...  
BUT...



LET'S  
PUT A HALT ON  
TODAY'S PLAN. WE  
COULDN'T POSSIBLY  
CONTINUE WITH YOU,  
THE PLAN'S LEADER  
AND OUR QUEEN,  
IN THIS STATE...



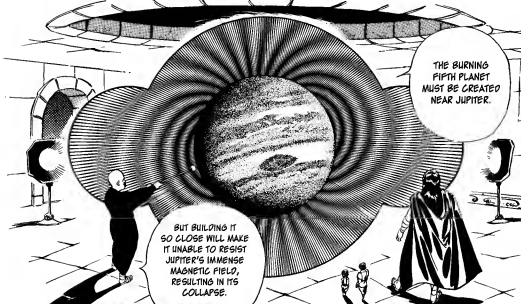




I'M FINE!  
...W-WE MUST  
NOT DELAY,  
IT'S ALMOST  
SUNSET.

V... YOUR  
MAJESTY,  
ARE YOU SURE  
YOU ARE ALL  
RIGHT?





THE BURNING  
FIFTH PLANET  
MUST BE CREATED  
NEAR JUPITER.

BUT BUILDING IT  
SO CLOSE WILL MAKE  
IT UNABLE TO RESIST  
JUPITER'S IMMENSE  
MAGNETIC FIELD,  
RESULTING IN ITS  
COLLAPSE.



IN THE WORST CASE  
SCENARIO, JUPITER'S  
ORBIT WILL BE AFFECTED,  
WHICH MAY THEN AFFECT  
EARTH WITH CATASTROPHIC  
CONSEQUENCES.



IF  
ONLY THAT,  
WE SHOULD  
CONSIDER  
OURSELVES  
FORTUNATE.

THE FIFTH  
PLANET WILL  
BE DESTROYED  
IF TRAPPED BY  
JUPITER'S  
MAGNETIC  
FIELD!?



INFORM  
ME AT ONCE IF  
YOU NOTICE ANY  
ABNORMALITIES  
WITH JUPITER.



SO THE TIME HAS  
COME AT LAST...  
WHO KNOWS WHAT  
WILL HAPPEN IF  
THE PLAN FAILS.



THEN WE MUST  
MUSTER ALL OUR  
PSYCHIC POWER  
TO ENSURE THAT  
DOES NOT HAPPEN.  
THERE IS NO  
OTHER WAY!





IT WAS A MONSTROUS ANIMAL CALLED THE DEVIL BY OUR PEOPLE, AND NO HUNTER STOOD A CHANCE AGAINST IT.



WHEN HE WAS YOUNG, HE USED TO BE THE BEST HUNTER IN HIS TRIBE. BUT ONE DAY, HE CAME ACROSS A MONSTER OF A MOOSE...



BORIS, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN A MAN'S GOTTA TRY EVEN IF HE MIGHT FAIL.

THAT'S WHAT MY GRAMPS USED TO SAY.



HAHA... BUT I STILL THINK MY GRANDPA WAS AMAZING.



...NO, THE BEAST WON.



AND DID HE WIN?



BUT MY GRAMPS STILL TOOK ON THE BEAST, WITH HIS PRIDE ON THE LINE.

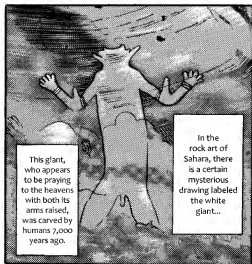
WE HAVE TO SUCCEED IN BUILDING THE FIFTH PLANET NO MATTER WHAT! I WON'T LET TITAN MEET ITS DESTRUCTION TODAY!





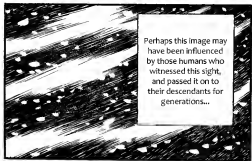
IT'S TIME,  
QUEEN  
DOHRAN.





This giant, who appears to be praying to the heavens with both its arms raised, was carved by humans 7,000 years ago.

In the rock art of Sahara, there is a certain mysterious drawing labeled the white giant...



Perhaps this image may have been influenced by those humans who witnessed this sight, and passed it on to their descendants for generations...



To us, they seemed to pray to God in heaven as they faced towards the snowing sky, intently and silently...

But to them, their stance was one for battle, as they prepared for the final showdown with the demon that was the Ice age...



A part of the Sun's interior, going through the process of nuclear fusion at temperatures of 60 million degrees Celsius, suddenly vanished...

It was during this showdown that an abnormality occurred in the sun's core.



Simultaneously, in the void of space between Mars and Jupiter, a flash of light appeared!



They had  
taken a part of the  
Sun and instantly  
transported it to  
another place.

This was the  
miracle achieved by  
the combined psychic  
power of the Titans,  
further amplified by the  
pyramids constructed  
all over the planet.

*Thus was  
the birth of  
the burning  
fifth planet!*







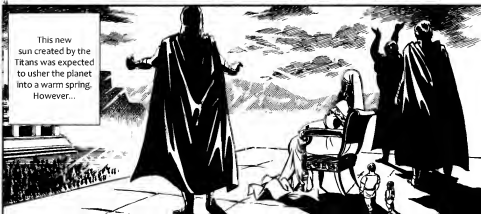
NAY... NOT  
OURS ALONE,  
BUT FOR EVERY  
LIVING THING ON  
THIS WORLD...



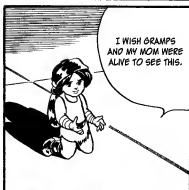
THERE IT IS.  
OUR NEW STAR,  
YOUR MAJESTY...



This new  
sun created by the  
Titans was expected  
to usher the planet  
into a warm spring.  
However...











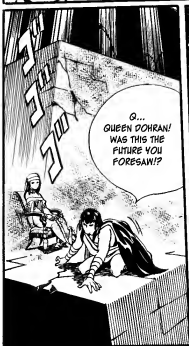
IT'S...  
IT'S NO GOOD!  
OUR PEOPLE ARE  
TOO PANICKED  
TO FOCUS!

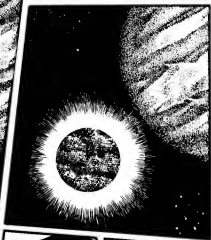


WE MUST  
DISTANCE IT  
FROM JUPITER  
AT ONCE OR  
THE EARTH'S  
ORBIT WILL —

THE FIFTH  
PLANET  
IS BEING  
PULLED IN  
TOWARDS  
JUPITER!





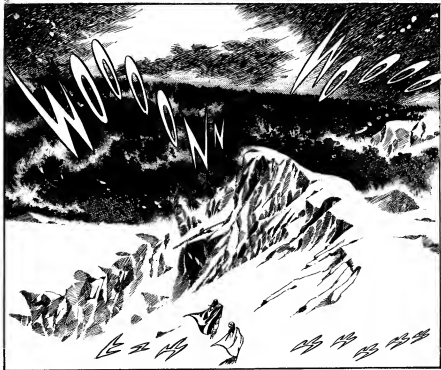
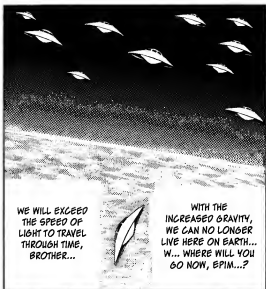






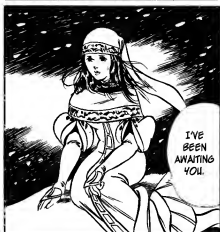










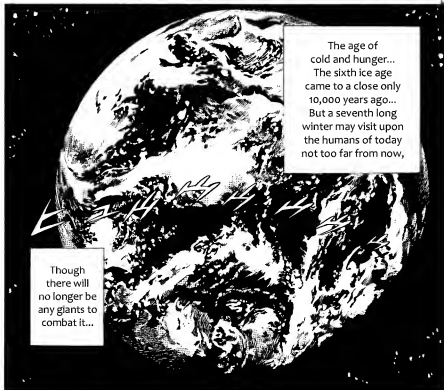
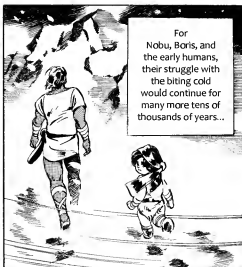




Thus did the  
ancient race of  
Titans vanish  
from the face  
of the planet.

Leaving behind  
only their tale  
of struggle and  
failure to the  
humans...



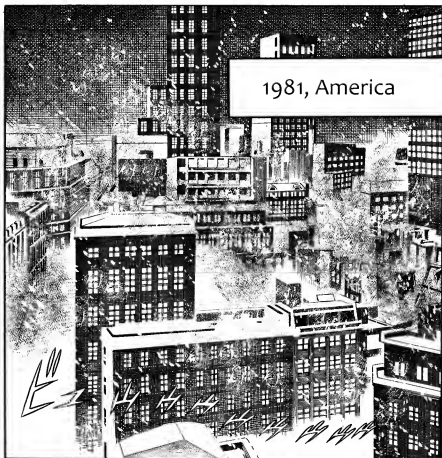


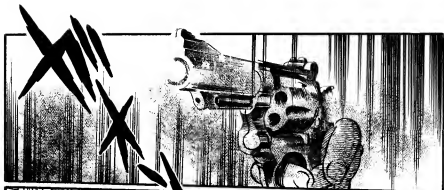




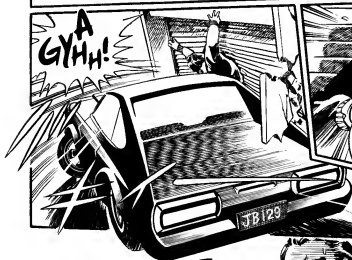
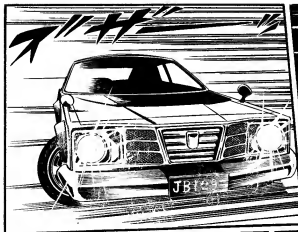


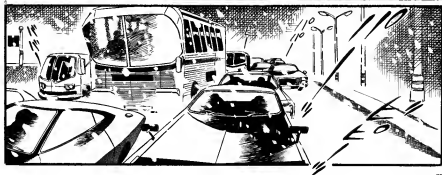
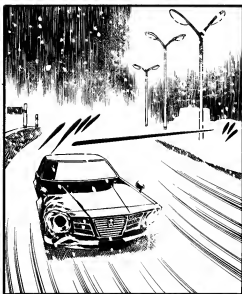
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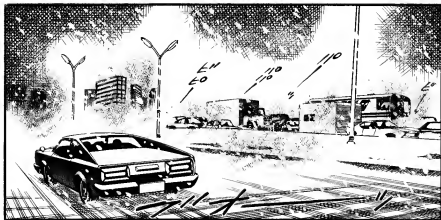












WE WERE  
PLANNING TO  
ESCAPE TO  
FLORIDA.

UM... YOU THERE!  
WE'RE GRATEFUL  
TO YOU FOR SAVING  
OUR NECKS, BUT  
YOU'RE GOING THE  
WRONG WAY.



H...  
HOW DO YOU  
KNOW MY  
NAME!?

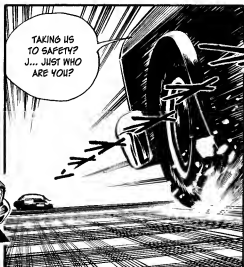


TAKING  
YOU TWO TO  
SAFETY IS MY  
MISSION.



LOOK OUT THE  
WINDOW. THE ROAD  
GOING SOUTH IS  
COMPLETELY  
BACKED UP BY  
TRAFFIC.

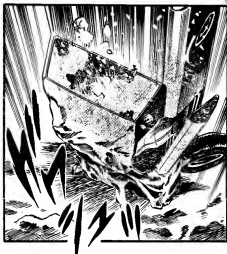
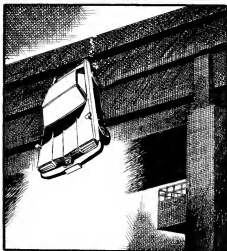
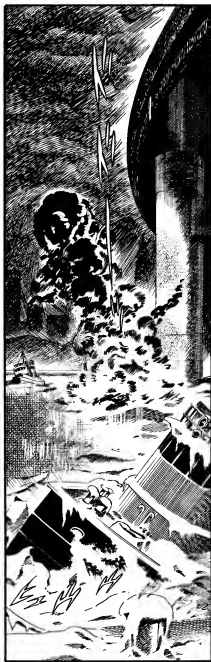
MOREOVER...  
NORTH IS WHERE  
YOU WANT TO  
GO IF YOU'RE  
LOOKING FOR A  
SAFE SHELTER,  
BORIS.

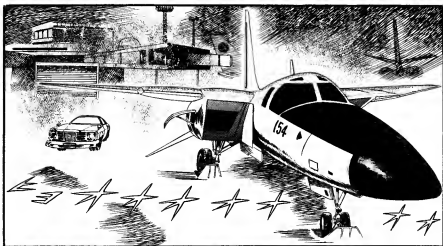


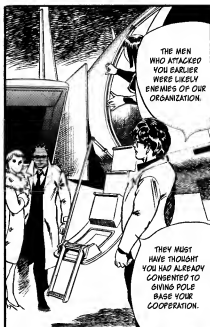
SHIT! THERE'S A  
CAR DRIVING ON THE  
WRONG SIDE OF THE  
ROAD JUST BECAUSE  
HE WANTS TO HEAD  
SOUTH AS QUICKLY  
AS POSSIBLE!









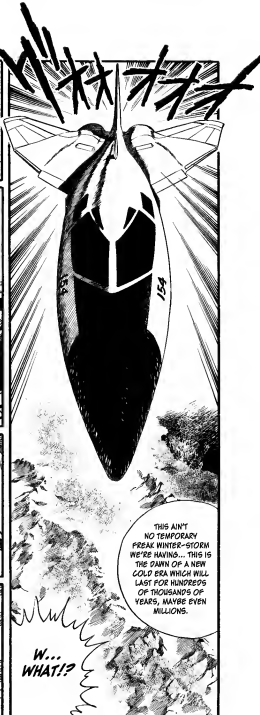






DON'T WORRY, NOBU'S A REAL PRO.







ESPECIALLY A  
CERTAIN COUNTRY,  
SURROUNDED  
BY OCEAN AND  
LACKING NATURAL  
RESOURCES...



UNLIKE SMALLER  
COUNTRIES WHOSE  
CITIZENS DON'T HAVE  
THAT OPTION.

AMERICA'S  
GOT IT GOOD.  
IT'S BIG ENOUGH  
FOR THERE TO BE  
SOME STILL-WARM  
REGIONS TO FLEE  
TOWARDS,





I HEARD HUNDREDS  
OF THOUSANDS OF  
JAPANESE HAVE HAD  
NO CHOICE BUT TO  
FLEE TO CHINA.



EVERYTHING  
NORTH OF TOKYO  
IS SUPPOSED TO BE  
FROZEN OVER IN ICE.

IS JAPAN...  
YOUR HOME  
COUNTRY,  
NOBU?



IT'S  
TOO  
LATE,  
NOBU...



IF  
ONLY YOU  
CAME BACK  
SOONER...

YOU WERE  
TOO LATE,  
NOBU...



LOOK, THIS IS  
NOW THE STATE  
OF OUR TOWN...

☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆



MY HOUSE,  
TOO, BURNED  
DOWN...

WITH MY  
SISTER AKIKO...  
STILL INSIDE...

WHO  
KNOWS WHY?  
I SUPPOSE  
THEY WERE  
ALL JUST  
COLD...

THE HOMES  
HERE WERE  
BURNED DOWN  
BY MOBS...







BUT EVEN THAT  
KIND OF INCIDENT'S  
NOT OUT OF THE  
ORDINARY NOW.  
IT'S LIKE THAT ALL  
OVER JAPAN...



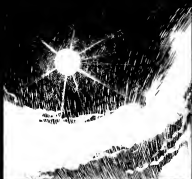
AFTER THREE WEEKS  
OF A RELENTLESS  
BLIZZARD, THE PEOPLE  
WENT MAD FROM THEIR  
HUNGER AND THE  
COLD...

THERE WAS  
A CARNAGE  
OF LOOTING  
AND KILLING...



HER  
CHARRED  
SKELETAL  
REMAINS,  
THAT IS...

IT'S FUTILE.  
NOBU, AKIKO'S  
BODY IS BURIED  
SEVERAL METRES  
BENEATH THE  
SNOW...



"I WANT TO  
HELP HUMANKIND  
REALIZE ITS  
GREATNESS."



"SPACE FLIGHT.  
A TESTAMENT TO THE  
POWER OF HUMAN  
ACHIEVEMENT."



JUST  
WHERE IS...  
THE GREAT-  
NESS OF  
HUMANKIND...



HOW COULD  
I HAVE BEEN SO  
STUPID ENOUGH  
TO HAVE BELIEVED  
IN MY BEASTLY  
SPECIES!?





YOU'RE  
NOBU,  
AREN'T  
YOU...



THE ORGANIZATION  
I BELONG TO WOULD  
LOVE TO HAVE YOU  
ONBOARD! OUR MISSION  
IS TO THE SAVE  
THE WORLD!



S...  
SAVE THE  
WORLD!?



I'VE BEEN  
LOOKING  
FOR YOU,  
YOU KNOW!

THE ONLY  
JAPANESE TO  
HAVE EVER  
RECEIVED  
CERTIFIED  
TRAINING AS A  
SPACECRAFT  
PILOT IN  
AMERICA



SPARE  
ME THE  
TALK ABOUT  
YOUR NOBLE  
CAUSE!



BECAUSE IF  
NOTHING IS DONE...  
THE WHOLE OF  
HUMAN KIND WILL  
SUCCUMB BEFORE  
THE ICE AND  
SNOW...



WE SHOULD  
ALL... BE BURIED...  
BY THE SNOW...



...



AKIKO...



IF YOU SAY  
THE WORLD AS  
WE KNOW IT WILL  
BE DESTROYED...  
THEN I SAY IT'S  
BETTER OFF  
DESTROYED!

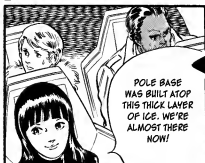
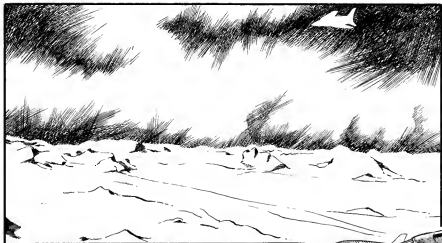
HUMANS  
ARE  
BETTER  
OFF  
GONE!



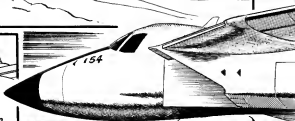
WE'LL  
BE OVER  
THE ARCTIC  
OCEAN ANY  
MOMENT  
NOW.

WE'VE  
PASSED  
OVER THE  
SIBERIAN  
SKIES...





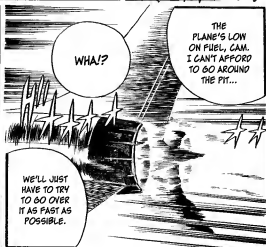
POLE BASE  
WAS BUILT ATOP  
THIS THICK LAYER  
OF ICE. WE'RE  
ALMOST THERE  
NOW!



I SAY "OCEAN,"  
BUT REALLY IT'S  
ALL ICE NOW...



W-WILL WE BE  
ALRIGHT!?



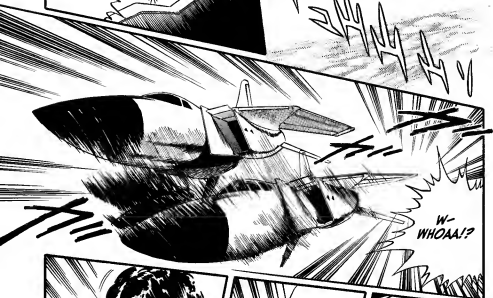
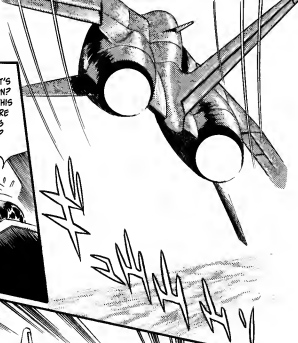
WHA!?

THE  
PLANE'S LOW  
ON FUEL, CAM.  
I CAN'T AFFORD  
TO GO AROUND  
THE PIT...

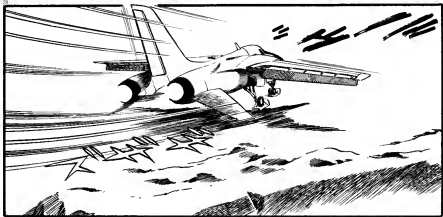
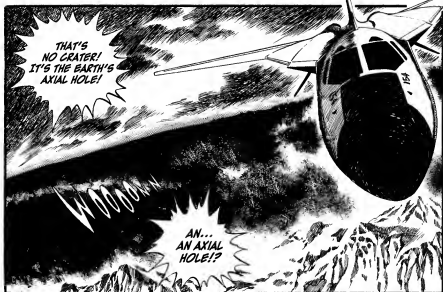
WE'LL JUST  
HAVE TO TRY  
TO GO OVER  
IT AS FAST AS  
POSSIBLE.

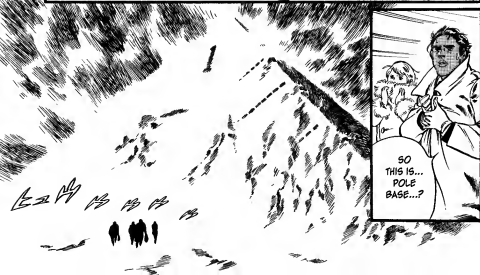
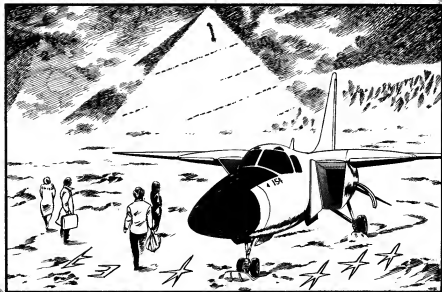
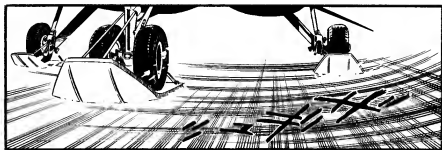




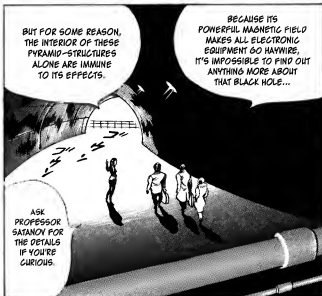




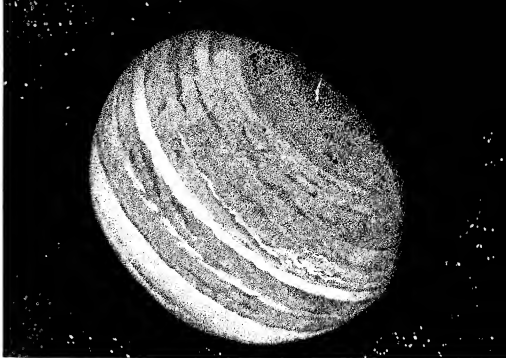




SO  
THIS IS...  
POLE  
BASE...?



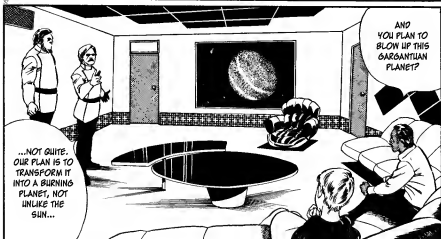




ITS DIAMETER  
IS 11 TIMES THAT  
OF EARTH, AND ITS  
VOLUME IS 1,300  
TIMES GREATER!

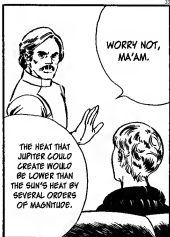
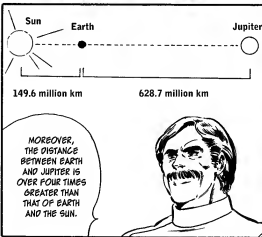


JUPITER!  
THE LARGEST  
PLANET IN OUR  
SOLAR SYSTEM...

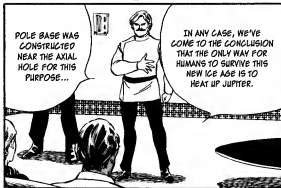
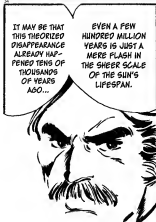


...NOT QUITE.  
OUR PLAN IS TO  
TRANSFORM IT  
INTO A BURNING  
PLANET, NOT  
UNLIKE THE  
SUN...

AND  
YOU PLAN TO  
BLOW UP THIS  
GARGANTUAN  
PLANET?







AS THE POLE  
OF THE EARTH'S  
MAGNETIC FIELD,  
THAT AXIAL HOLE  
SEEMS TO BE A  
BLACK HOLE OF  
SORTS POWERED  
BY MAGNETIC  
FIELDS.

A BLACK  
HOLE,  
INDEED!

J... JUST WHAT IS  
THE CONNECTION  
BETWEEN THAT  
BLACK HOLE-LIKE  
VOID AND JUPITER?

THIS AREA, THEN,  
IS NO LONGER MERELY  
THE SPACE ABOVE THE  
EARTH. IT IS A TUNNEL  
CONNECTING THE SPACE  
HERE TO AN ENTIRELY  
DIFFERENT AREA  
OF SPACE.

THIS IMMENSE  
MAGNETIC FIELD  
DISTORTS THE NEARBY  
FABRIC OF SPACE-TIME  
AND CONCENTRATES IT  
TO A SINGLE POINT.

WHAT!?

IS TO  
APPROPRIATE  
THIS TUNNEL  
WHICH IS  
CONNECTED  
TO ANOTHER  
SPACE AS YET  
UNSEEN AND  
UNKNOWN!

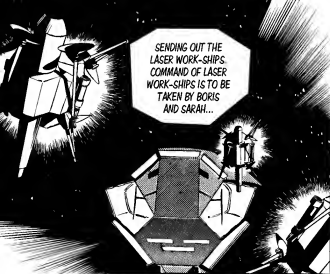
OUR  
MISSION  
HERE AT  
POLE  
BASE...

YOUR  
DESTINATION IS,  
OF COURSE,  
JUPITER...

WE FIRST  
NEED YOU TO  
GO ABOARD A  
SPACECRAFT.

NOW,  
AS FOR  
YOUR OWN  
MISSIONS...





SENDING OUT THE  
LASER WORK-SHIPS.  
COMMAND OF LASER  
WORK-SHIPS IS TO BE  
TAKEN BY BORIS  
AND SARAH...



IT'S ALREADY  
BEEN TWO MONTHS  
SINCE POLE BASE  
SCOUTED YOU OUT.

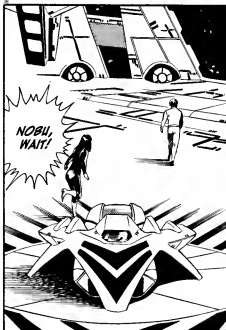
YOU'VE HAD  
ENOUGH  
TRAINING.

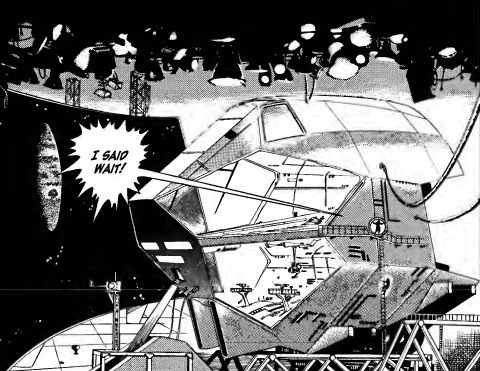
I'M IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF TRAINING.  
DON'T BOTHER  
ME.

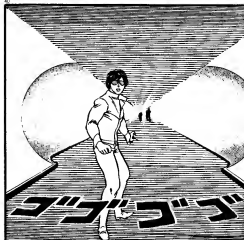
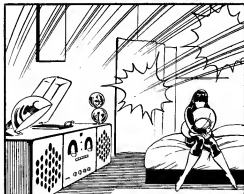
I THOUGHT  
YOU'D BE  
HERE.

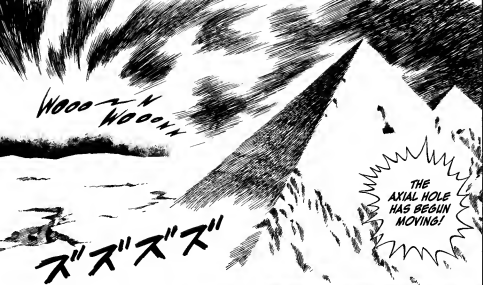
KNOCK  
KNOCK



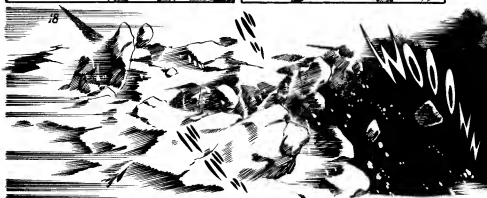


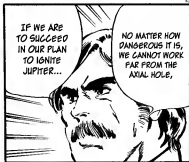


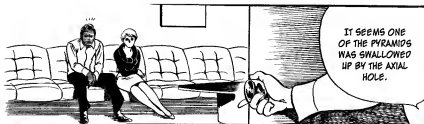












THAT'S NOT  
WHAT I MEANT...  
I'M TALKING  
ABOUT THE JUPITER  
DETONATION  
PROJECT...

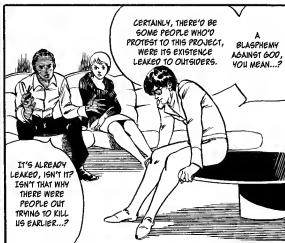


TO  
TRANSFORM AN  
ENTIRE PLANET  
FOR OUR OWN  
PURPOSE...



NO, THOSE  
PEOPLE DON'T  
KNOW ANYTHING  
FOR CERTAIN.

THEY'RE MERELY  
AWARE OF RUMOURS  
THAT AN EXTREMELY  
RISKY PLAN IS BEING  
CARRIED OUT AND THUS  
SEEK TO STOP IT.



CERTAINLY, THERE'D BE  
SOME PEOPLE WHO'D  
PROTEST TO THIS PROJECT,  
WERE ITS EXISTENCE  
LEAKED TO OUTSIDERS.

A  
BLASPHEMY  
AGAINST GOD,  
YOU MEAN...?

IT'S ALREADY  
LEAKED, ISN'T IT?  
ISN'T THAT WHY  
THERE WERE  
PEOPLE OUT  
TRYING TO KILL  
US EARLIER...?



TO MURDER  
IN GOLD-BLOOD  
FOR THAT ALONE...  
PATHETIC, ISN'T IT?

OH, SO  
THEY'RE JUST  
FUELLED BY  
PARANOIA.



THAT... IS WHAT  
I INTEND TO SEE  
FOR MYSELF!



IF THE  
WORLD WERE TO  
SUDDENLY REGAIN ITS  
WARMTH ONCE MORE,  
JUST WHAT KIND OF  
FACES DO YOU  
IMAGINE THE PEOPLE  
WILL MAKE?



NOT A SINGLE  
PERSON IN THE  
WORLD CAN  
MAINTAIN THEIR  
SANITY IN THIS  
ICE AGE!

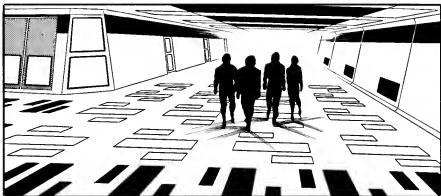






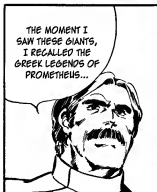














FOR THIS CRIME,  
PROMETHEUS WAS  
PUNISHED BY ZEUS...

THE GOD ZEUS,  
FEARING THAT THE  
HUMANS MAY BECOME  
AS POWERFUL AS  
THE GODS, WITHHELD  
FIRE FROM THEM.  
BUT PROMETHEUS,  
TAKING PITY ON  
HUMANS TREMBLING  
FROM THE COLD,  
STOLE THE FIRE  
AND BESTOWED IT  
UPON MANKIND.



THE TITAN  
PROMETHEUS  
...

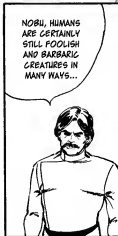


CHAINED TO A ROCK  
IN THE CALCASUS,  
HE WAS FORCED TO  
SUFFER THE AGONY  
OF A GIANT EAGLE  
EATING HIS INNARDS  
FOR ETERNITY...



YES, DURING THE  
SIXTH ICE AGE THEY  
MUST HAVE ATTEMPTED  
THE SAME PLAN WE  
NOW DARE TO TRY...

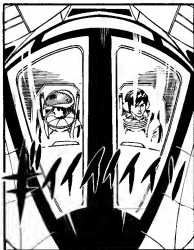
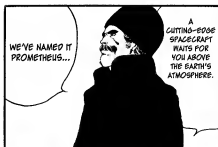
ARE YOU SAYING...  
THAT IT WAS THESE  
GIANTS WHO CREATED  
THE FIFTH PLANET...?

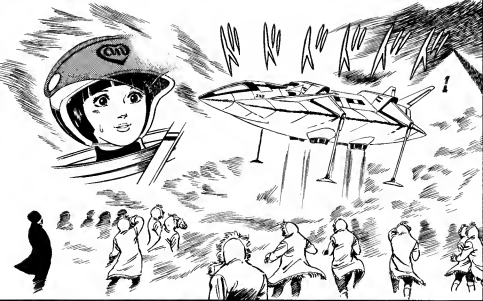












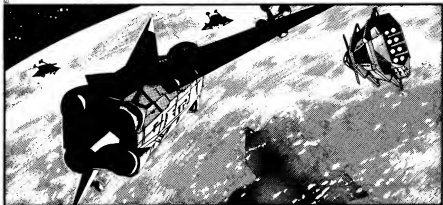


AND IN THAT TIME,  
THE CREW REMAINING  
AT POLE BASE WILL  
BE MAKING THE FINAL  
PREPARATIONS.



IT'LL TAKE HALF  
A YEAR FOR US TO  
REACH JUPITER'S  
ORBIT.

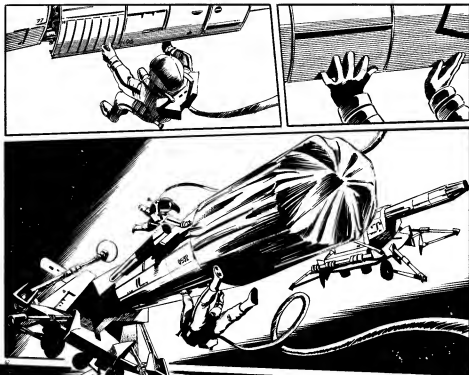
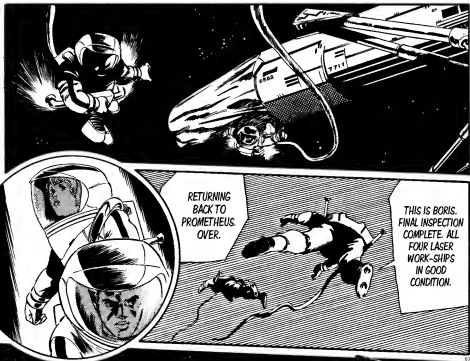
ALL PASSENGERS!  
YOUR ATTENTION,  
PLEASE! THE LASER  
WORK-SHIPS AND  
PROMETHEUS ARE  
NOW WITHIN OUR  
SIGHT!



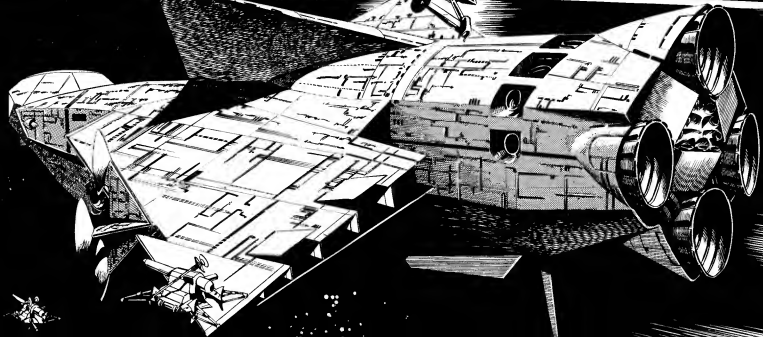


In the 20th century,  
a revived Prometheus  
set out to challenge  
Zeus once more...

Zeus, the god  
of thunder,  
also known  
as Jupiter...



Prometheus and its  
four laser work-ships  
at last entered Jupiter's  
orbit on April of 1982...  
It had been six months  
since they set out  
from Earth...





TARGETS ARE  
JUPITER'S SATELLITES:  
IO, EUROPA, GANYMEDE,  
CALLISTO, ...

PREPARATIONS  
COMPLETE TO  
SEND OUT LASER  
WORK-SHIPS...



WE'RE NOW  
ENTERING  
PHASE TWO  
AS PLANNED.

RECEIVING  
CALL FROM  
POLE BASE...



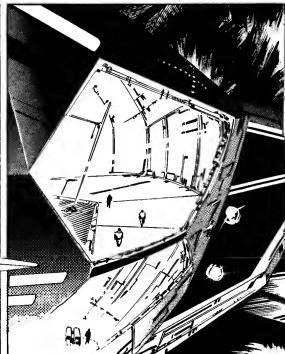
FEELS A BIT LONELY  
TO SEND OUT THE  
WORK-SHIPS WE'VE  
HAD FOR COMPANY  
FOR THE LAST SIX  
MONTHS, HANA...

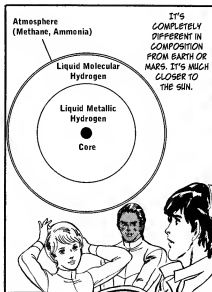
SO IT'S  
FINALLY  
TIME...

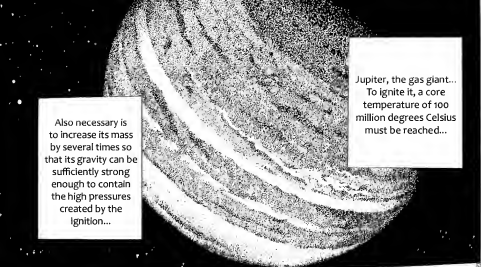


ROGER!

CONFIRMED!  
PANDORA  
COMPUTER,  
BEGIN THE  
COUNTDOWN!



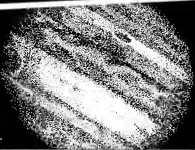




Also necessary is to increase its mass by several times so that its gravity can be sufficiently strong enough to contain the high pressures created by the Ignition...

Jupiter, the gas giant...

To ignite it, a core temperature of 100 million degrees Celsius must be reached...

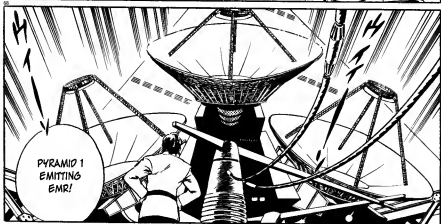


But to several times increase the mass of this already gigantic planet is nearly impossible... Even adding to it the mass of all other planets in the solar system would not be enough...

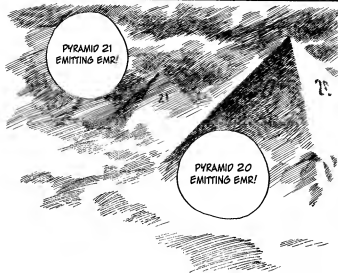


But taking a crack at the impossible was the mission of the crew remaining at Pole Base...





PYRAMID 1  
EMITTING  
EMR!

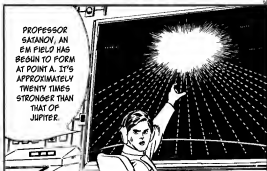
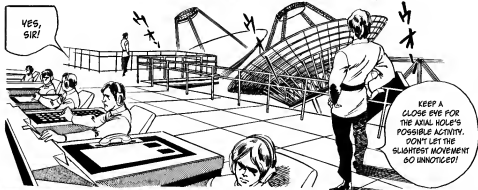


PYRAMID 21  
EMITTING EMR!

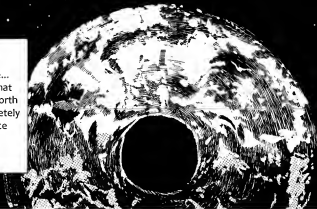
PYRAMID 20  
EMITTING EMR!



PYRAMIDS  
2 AND 4  
EMITTING  
EMR!

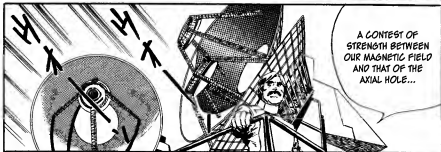
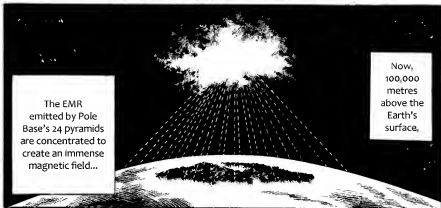


The axial hole...  
A black hole that  
connects the North  
Pole to a completely  
separate place  
in space...



The EMR  
emitted by Pole  
Base's 24 pyramids  
are concentrated to  
create an immense  
magnetic field...

Now,  
100,000  
metres  
above the  
Earth's  
surface,



A CONTEST OF  
STRENGTH BETWEEN  
OUR MAGNETIC FIELD  
AND THAT OF THE  
AXIAL HOLE...

THE EARTH  
GUN PLAN!

THIS IS STILL  
MERELY THE FIRST  
STEP IN THE JUPITER  
DETONATION  
PROJECT...





CAM...

IS THAT  
A GUN?



I REALLY DON'T  
WANT TO USE IT,  
IF POSSIBLE...



FOR  
EMERGENCY...

WHY DO  
YOU HAVE  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT?

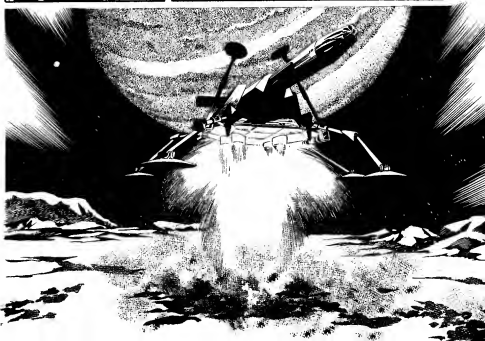


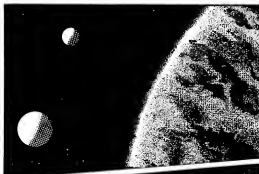
AND YOU PLAN TO  
KILL THAT PERSON.  
IF THAT HAPPENS!?  
YOU'RE OVERTHINK-  
ING THIS!

BUT I CAN'T IGNORE  
THE POSSIBILITY OF A  
CREW MEMBER GETTING  
COLD FEET AT THE LAST  
SECOND AND TRYING TO  
SABOTAGE OUR PLANS.

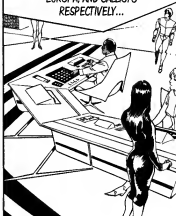


NOBU!  
HEY!

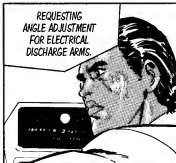




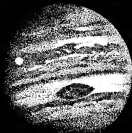
WORK-SHIP #2 NOW  
LANDING ON GANYMEDE.  
WORK-SHIP #1, 3, AND 4 HAVE  
FINISHED THEIR LANDINGS ON IO,  
EUROPA, AND CALLISTO  
RESPECTIVELY...



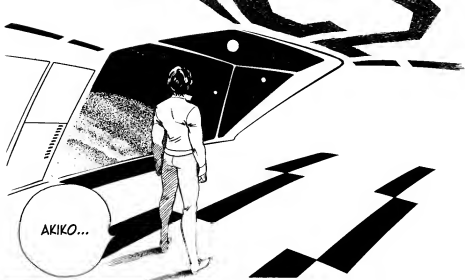
REQUESTING  
ANGLE ADJUSTMENT  
FOR ELECTRICAL  
DISCHARGE ARMS.



Io and Europa  
are nearly the  
same size as the  
Earth's moon,  
while Ganymede  
and Callisto are the  
largest moons of  
the Solar system.



Including even the  
satellites of which  
little information  
has been observed,  
Jupiter currently has  
65 known satellites...  
And among these,  
the largest are the  
Galilean moons: Io,  
Europa, Ganymede,  
and Callisto.



AKIKO...

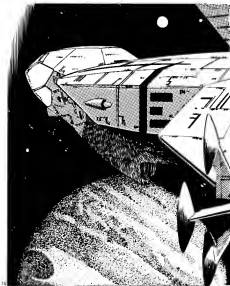


BUT I'D  
LIKE TO BELIEVE  
IN HUMANS AGAIN...  
I WANT TO BELIEVE  
THAT A DAY WILL  
COME WHEN HUMANS  
CAN BECOME  
GIANTS...



THIS JUPITER  
DETONATION  
PROJECT IS  
THE ONLY THING  
KEEPING ME  
GOING NOW.

HERE IN  
SPACE, SO FAR  
FROM EARTH,  
I FEEL I'M ALSO  
FAR FROM MY  
MEMORIES  
OF YOU...

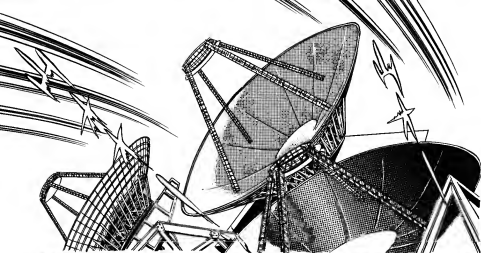


THIS IS THE  
LAST DREAM  
LEFT TO ME...  
SO...

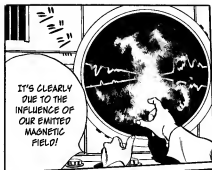


I WON'T  
FAIL NO  
MATTER WHAT  
THIS TIME...!

I WON'T  
SHOW MERCY  
TO ANYBODY  
WHO TRIES TO  
DENY THIS  
DREAM!







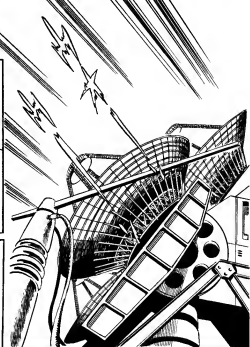


I'M FINE!  
STAND BY  
AT YOUR  
POST!

P-  
PROFESSOR  
SATANOV!

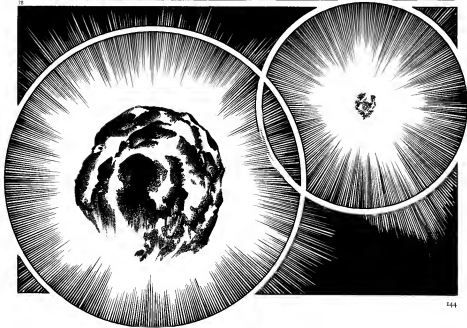


ANY  
FURTHER  
CHANGE  
WITH THE  
AXIAL HOLE  
DETECTED  
YET!?



I... INCREDIBLE!  
IT'S LIKE A VOLCANO  
IS ERUPTING FROM  
THE AXIAL HOLE!

AN AURORA  
IS VISIBLE!  
I CAN SEE A  
RED AURORA  
ON SCREEN !!

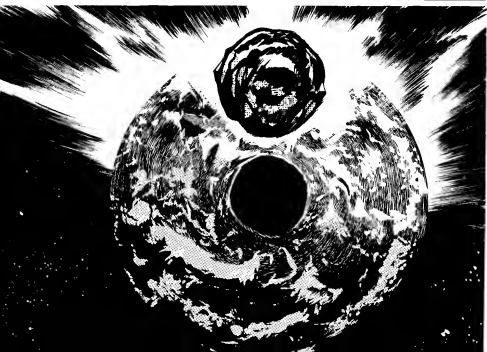


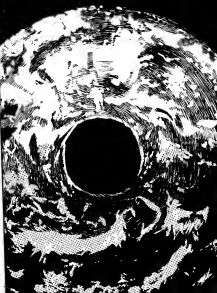
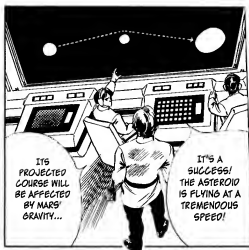


USE THE  
MAGNETIC  
FIELD TO  
SHOOT IT OUT  
INTO SPACE!

GOOD!  
THAT'LL  
BE THE  
FIRST  
SHOT!

THE  
COSMIC DUST  
ARE CLUMPING  
TOGETHER  
AND FORMING  
ASTEROIDS!







Sucking up  
the cosmic dust to  
form asteroids and  
then shooting it  
towards Jupiter...  
This was the Earth  
Gun plan!

WE CAN FINALLY  
SEND MATTER FROM  
AN UNKNOWN REGION  
OF SPACE TO ADD TO  
JUPITER'S MASS...

WE DID  
IT...



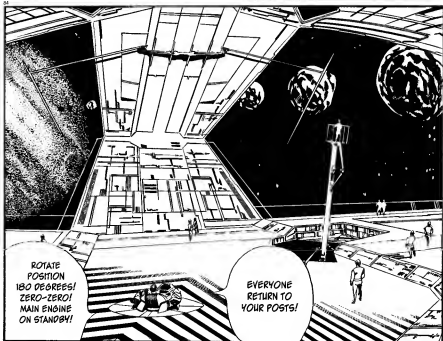
YES...

I... INFORM  
PROMETHEUS...

I'LL LEAVE...  
THE REST TO  
YOU ALL THEN...









ARE WE  
WITHDRAWING?

NO, JUST  
POSITIONING THE  
SHIP AT A SAFE  
DISTANCE FROM  
JUPITER SO WE  
DON'T GET CAUGHT  
IN THE BLAST.



THE  
PROBLEM  
IS FROM  
HERE ON.



ISN'T  
ACTIVATING  
THE REMOTE-  
CONTROLLED  
LASER ALL THAT'S  
LEFT TO DO,  
THOUGH?

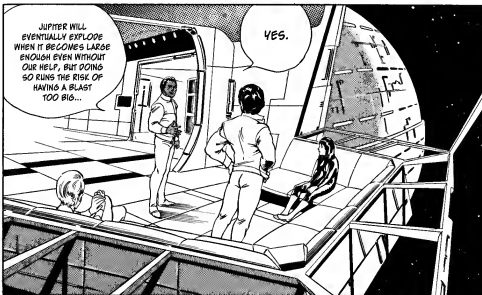
YES, BUT  
IT'S ALL  
ABOUT THE  
TIMING!

RIGHT,  
BORIS?

BY TIMING,  
YOU MEAN JUDGING  
WHEN JUPITER'S  
BECOME LARGE  
ENOUGH.

JUPITER WILL  
EVENTUALLY EXPLODE  
WHEN IT BECOMES LARGE  
ENOUGH EVEN WITHOUT  
OUR HELP, BUT DOING  
SO RUNS THE RISK OF  
HAVING A BLAST  
TOO BIG...

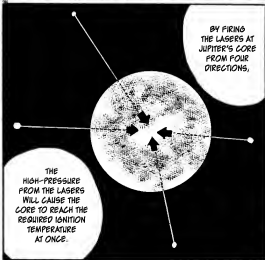
YES.



BY FIRING  
THE LASERS AT  
JUPITER'S CORE  
FROM FOUR  
DIRECTIONS,

THE  
HIGH-PRESSURE  
FROM THE LASERS  
WILL CAUSE THE  
CORE TO REACH THE  
REQUIRED IGNITION  
TEMPERATURE  
AT ONCE.

THAT'S WHY WE'LL  
HAVE TO JUDGE  
ON OUR OWN WHEN  
JUPITER'S BECOME  
SUFFICIENTLY LARGE  
ENOUGH AND ACTIVATE  
THE LASER WORK-  
SHIPS STATIONED  
ON ITS MOONS.









THE GREAT  
RED SPOT IS  
SIMPLY THE MARK  
OF AN ENORMOUS  
HURRICANE RAGING  
IN JUPITER'S  
ATMOSPHERE.



R... RIGHT...  
I HOPE SO...

THAT ITS SHAPE IS  
CHANGING IS SIMPLY  
THE RESULT OF THE  
PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE  
CHANGING AS THE  
EARTH SUN SHOOT  
MATTER AT IT.



IT'S...  
IT'S JUST THAT  
THE PLANET  
LOOKS BIGGER  
THAN EVER  
TO ME...



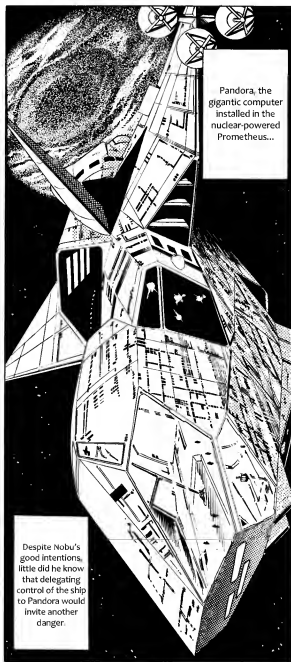
BY THE WAY,  
IS PROMETHEUS  
REALLY BACKING  
AWAY FROM  
JUPITER AS  
YOU SAID?

WHAT?



DON'T  
BE SILLY.  
THAT'S ONLY  
EXPECTED SINCE  
THE PLANET IS  
EXPANDING IN  
SIZE...





Despite Nobu's good intentions, little did he know that delegating control of the ship to Pandora would invite another danger.



IT LOOKS LIKE A MAD, BLOODSHOT EYEBALL...

WHAT AN EERIE RED...







ITS MASS HAS  
GROWN BY 80 TIMES.  
IT'S NOW HEAVIER  
THAN THE EARTH BY  
MORE THAN 25,000  
TIMES!

THE PLANET'S  
CIRCUMFERENCE  
HAS ALREADY  
DOUBLED...



IT FEELS AS IF  
I'M BEING CHASED  
BY A MONSTER  
IN A DREAM...

I'M GETTING  
A BAD FEELING.

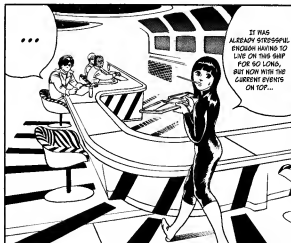


IN A WAY, IT  
REALLY IS A MONSTER...  
A MONSTER WHICH WE  
CREATED WITH OUR  
OWN HANDS...



WE'LL HAVE TO  
DETONATE THIS  
MONSTER OF  
A PLANET...

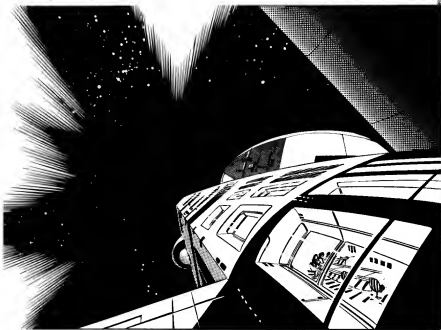
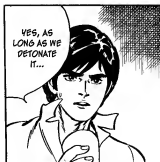
AND TO  
THINK...

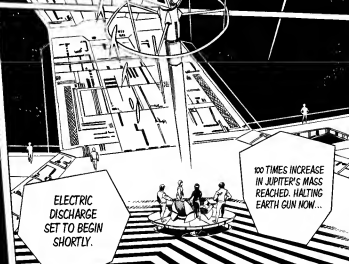


JUPITER MAY LOOK OMINOUS WITH ITS DAUNTING SIZE, BUT IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN AN INFLATED BALLOON.



YES, I HOPE WE CAN...





ELECTRIC  
DISCHARGE  
SET TO BEGIN  
SHORTLY.

100 TIMES INCREASE  
IN JUPITER'S MASS  
REACHED. HALTING  
EARTH GUN NOW...



IT'S TIME FOR  
THE FINAL PHASE  
IN THE PLAN!



I  
HOPE ALL  
GOES AS  
PLANNED.

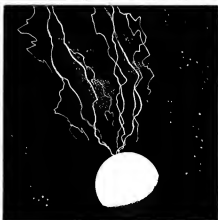
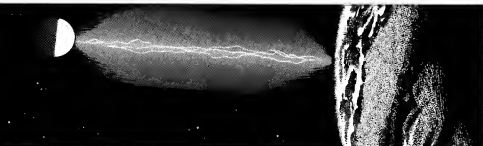




BUT THREE TERAWATTS...  
THE METHANE ATMOS-  
PHERE OF JUPITER HAS  
MADE ITS LIGHTNING  
STRIKES AN ORDER OF  
MAGNITUDE GREATER  
THAN THAT OF  
EARTH...



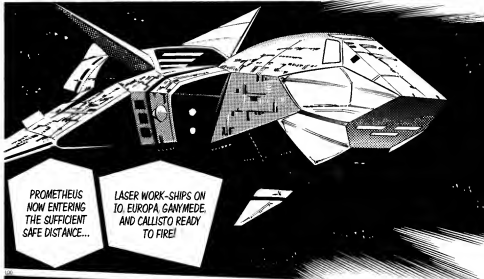
WITH  
JUPITER SWOLLEN  
UP TO THAT SIZE, IT'S  
BEGIN DISCHARGING  
ITS ELECTRICITY TO  
THE WORK-SHIPS  
ON THE MOONS.



IN ANY CASE,  
THAT SHOULD PROVIDE  
THE LASERS WITH  
ENOUGH ENERGY  
TO FIRE!

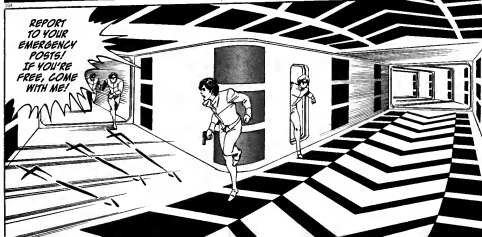
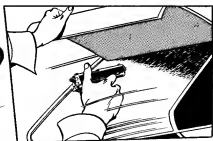








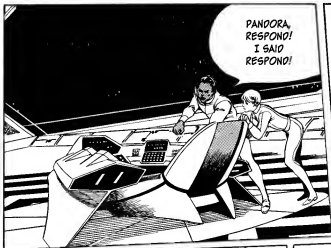






IT'S TOO DANGEROUS LEAVING IT AS IT IS NOW!

BORIS! BORIS!  
WE'VE GOTTA SWITCH  
THE LASER CONTROL  
BACK TO MANUAL-  
MODE!



PANDORA,  
RESPOND!  
I SAID  
RESPOND!

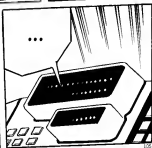


I... I'M  
TRYING,  
NOBU,  
BUT...



ITS LANGUAGE  
FUNCTION MUST  
HAVE BEEN  
DESTROYED...  
WE CAN'T ISSUE  
ANY ORDERS  
LIKE THIS!

W-  
WHAT'S  
GOING  
ON!?

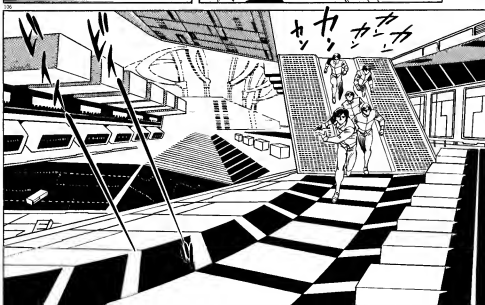


...



WE HAVE TO STOP  
THE DESTRUCTION  
BEFORE THINGS GET  
EVEN WORSE!

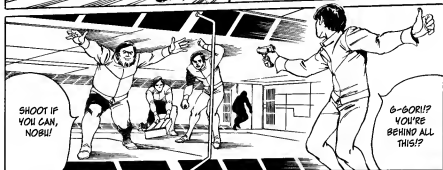
THERE'S...  
THERE'S NO  
OTHER CHOICE.





I'LL SHOOT  
ANYONE WHO  
CONTINUES  
TO ACT  
FOOLISHLY!

FREEZE!



SHOOT IF  
YOU CAN,  
NOBU!

G-GORI!?  
YOU'RE  
BEHIND ALL  
THIS!?



AGHH!?



NOW'S  
OUR CHANCE TO  
TAKE CONTROL OF  
PROMETHEUS!

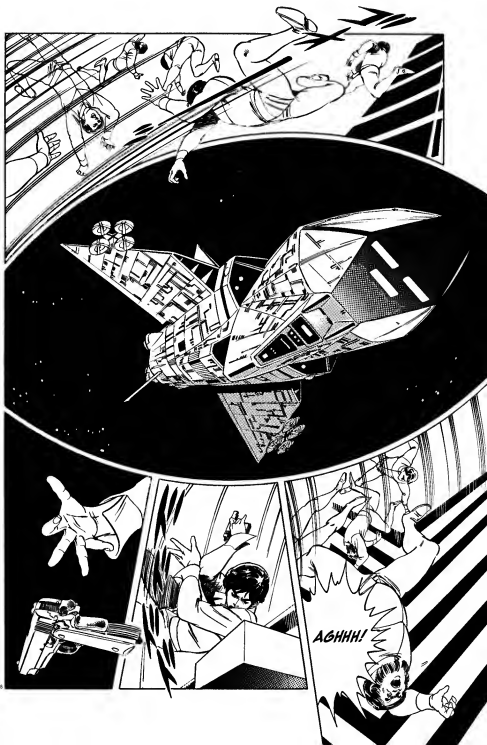


HOLD  
THEM  
DOWN!



SHIT!

IF I SHOOT  
HERE, I MIGHT  
DAMAGE ONE  
OF PANDORA'S  
CRITICAL  
COMPONENTS!







WE'RE  
HEADING  
TOWARDS  
JUPITER!



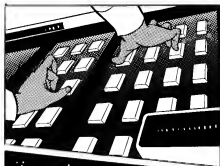
UGH... P...  
PROMETHEUS  
IS TURNING ON  
ITS OWN...



OH NO!  
LOOK!

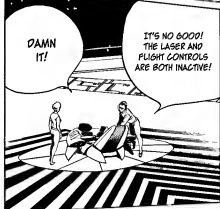






DAMN  
IT!

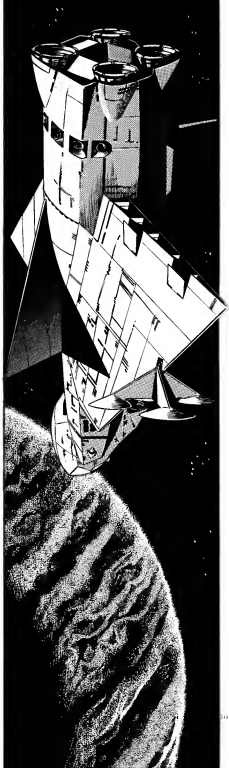
IT'S NO GOOD!  
THE LASER AND  
FLIGHT CONTROLS  
ARE BOTH INACTIVE!



BORIS!  
THERE'S MORE  
ELECTRIC  
DISCHARGE  
COMING FROM  
JUPITER!



WHAT!?

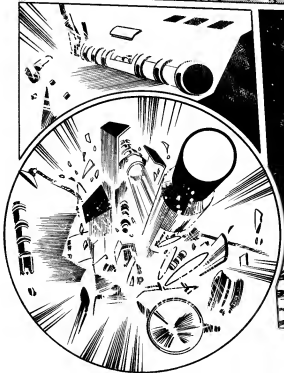


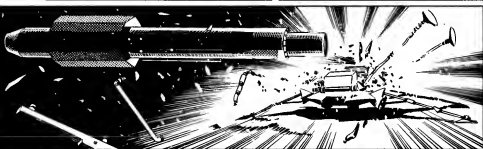


THE LASER  
WORK-SHIPS CAN'T  
HANDLE THIS MUCH  
ELECTRICITY!

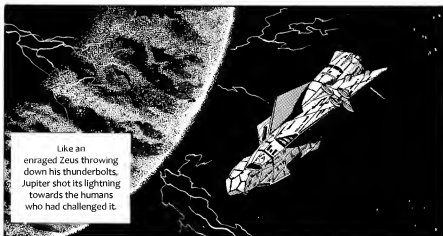


OH NO!  
THE CONTROLS  
FOR THE ELECTRIC  
DISCHARGE ARMS  
MUST HAVE GONE  
HAYWIRE!









Like an enraged Zeus throwing down his thunderbolts, Jupiter shot its lightning towards the humans who had challenged it.

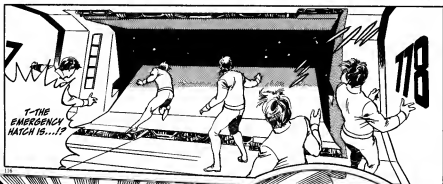
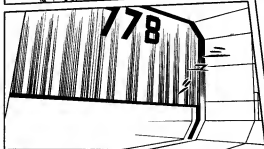


Prometheus, with its piloting controls damaged, now began to be drawn in by Jupiter's gravity...



W-  
WE'VE GOT  
TO ESCAPE  
BEFORE THE  
SHIP CRASHES  
INTO JUPITER!

THE LASER  
CANNONS  
WERE ALL  
DESTROYED!  
THE PROJECT  
HAS FAILED!







P... PREPARE  
TO EVACUATE!  
GET ON THE  
ESCAPE VESSELS  
IMMEDIATELY!

ATTENTION ALL CREW  
MEMBERS! WE'VE  
LOST ALL CONTROL  
OF PROMETHEUS!  
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO  
PREDICT WHAT OTHER  
FUNCTIONS THE  
DAMAGED PANDORA  
WILL TURN ON  
AND OFF!



THIS  
INTERCOM  
ALSO  
SHORTED  
OUT...

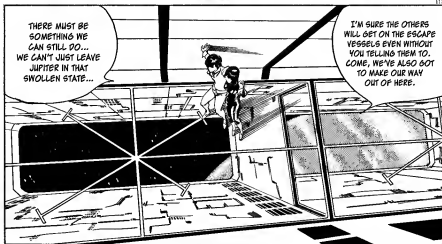


THIS IS...  
ALL MY FAULT...  
I PREDICTED THIS  
MIGHT HAPPEN  
AND YET I WAS  
POWERLESS TO  
PREVENT IT...



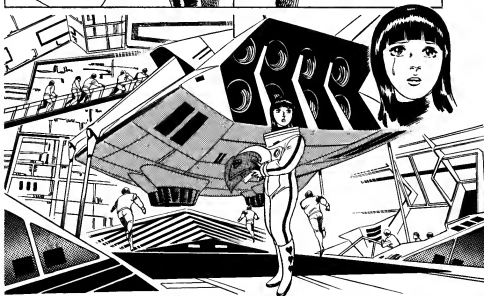
BUT TRY TO  
REMAIN CALM  
AND COOPERATE  
WITH EACH—

IT'S  
USELESS,  
NOBU...



THERE MUST BE  
SOMETHING WE  
CAN STILL DO...  
WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE  
JUPITER IN THAT  
SWOLLEN STATE...

I'M SURE THE OTHERS  
WILL GET ON THE ESCAPE  
VESSELS EVEN WITHOUT  
YOU TELLING THEM TO.  
COME, WE'VE ALSO GOT  
TO MAKE OUR WAY  
OUT OF HERE.



SOME-  
THING THAT  
CAN REACH  
TEMPER-  
TURES UP TO  
100 MILLION  
DEGREES...

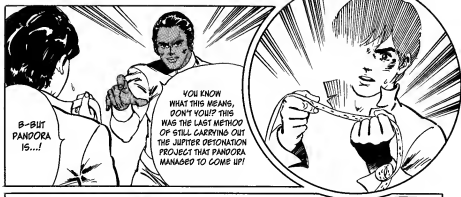
WHAT  
CAN I USE  
INSTEAD OF  
LASERS...?

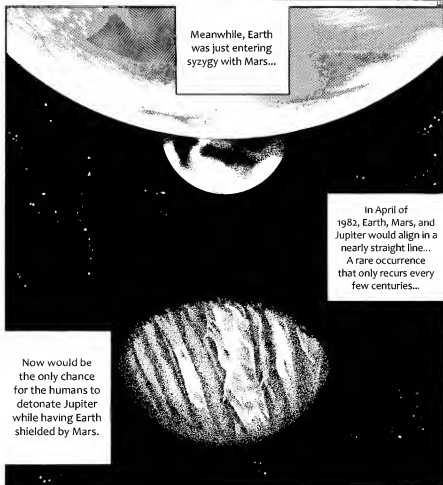
WAIT A MINUTE.  
PROMETHEUS IS A  
NUCLEAR-POWERED  
SHIP... MEANING...

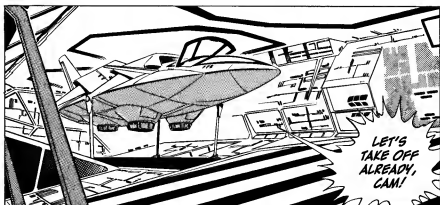
NOBU!

HAHA...  
IT SEEMS LIKE  
YOU HAVEN'T  
GIVEN UP YET  
EITHER...

BORIS  
AND SARAH!?  
WHAT'RE  
YOU TWO  
STILL DOING  
HERE!?







LET'S  
TAKE OFF  
ALREADY,  
CAM!



WHO  
CARES  
ABOUT  
THEM!?

NO! NOBU  
AND THE  
OTHERS ARE  
STILL NOT  
HERE YET!



A...  
A GUN!?



LAUNCH  
THIS  
VESSEL  
NOW!



ARE  
THEY STILL  
PLANNING ON  
BLOWING UP  
JUPITER!?

WHY ARE  
NOBU AND  
BORIS STILL  
ON THE  
SHIP...?



JUPITER... WHAT AN  
IMPOSING PLANET...  
NO WONDER IT WAS  
NAMED AFTER THE  
KING OF THE  
GODS...



BUT NO  
MATTER HOW  
MIGHTY YOU ARE,  
WE'VE GOT NO  
CHOICE BUT TO  
FIGHT YOU...

JUST AS THE FIRST  
TIME MANKIND SAILED  
THE SEAS OR FLEW  
IN SPACE...

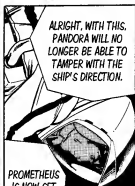
THIS MUST  
HAVE BEEN HOW THE  
FIRST HUNTERS FELT  
WHEN CONFRONTED  
BY AN ENORMOUS  
BEAST...



BORIS! WE CAN'T USE ANY OF OUR ALTITUDE-CONTROLLED ROCKETS! HOW'S THE PLAN COMING ALONG AT YOUR END?



ALRIGHT, WITH THIS, PANDORA WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO TAMPER WITH THE SHIP'S DIRECTION.



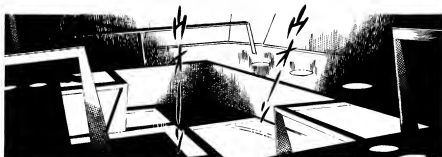
PROMETHEUS IS NOW SET TO HEAD STRAIGHT INTO JUPITER!



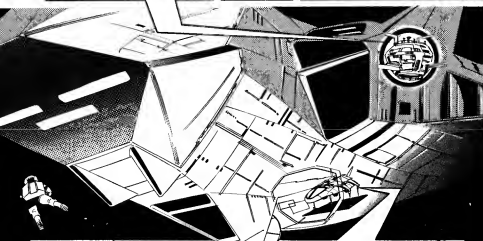
AND THE NUCLEAR REACTOR WILL BE READY TO DETONATE!

IT'S GOING FINE, NOBU! JUST A LITTLE MORE...





NUCLEAR  
REACTOR ROOM  
CALLING OUT TO THE  
ESCAPE VESSEL.  
IF YOU CAN HEAR  
ME, THEN LAUNCH  
OUT INTO SPACE  
AT ONCE!



WE'LL BE  
SURE TO COME  
AFTER YOU FROM  
THE DIRECTION  
OF 21, 9, 305...  
MAKE A GOOD  
NOTE OF THAT.



LAUNCH  
AT ONCE!?  
BUT...!



WATCH OUT!  
GORI'S COMING  
OVER THERE  
WITH A GUN  
RIGHT NOW!



GORI IS  
WHAT?!



WE'RE ABOUT  
TO DETONATE  
THE NUCLEAR  
REACTOR.

AS LONG AS  
PROMETHEUS  
CRASHES INTO  
JUPITER, THERE'S  
A CHANCE THAT IT  
MAY INDUCE EVEN  
LARGER EXPLOSIONS  
TO IGNITE THE  
PLANET.



DAMN IT,  
THEY PLAN  
TO MAKE  
SACRIFICES  
OF US ALL!

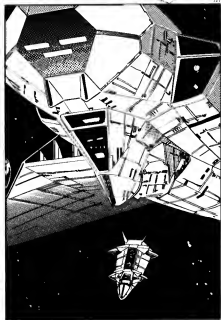
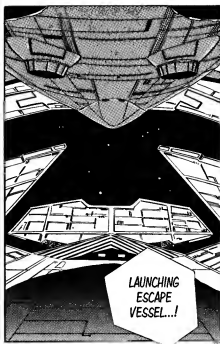
IF THEY START  
AN EXPLOSION,  
THE ESCAPE VESSEL  
WILL ALSO BE BLOWN  
TO BITS WHEN CAUGHT  
BY THE BLAST WAVE!

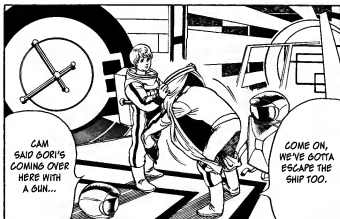


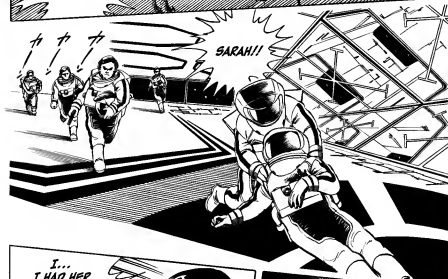
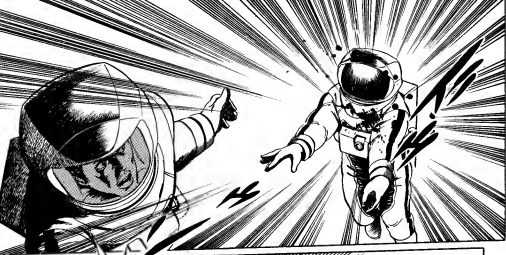
WE PROMISE  
WE'LL JOIN  
YOU SOON!

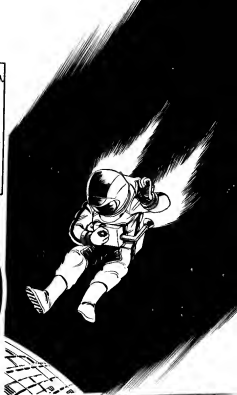
ROGER  
THAT, CAM...  
NOW LAUNCH AT  
ONCE OR THE  
ESCAPE VESSEL  
WILL BE IN  
DANGER TOO.











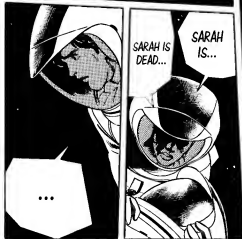


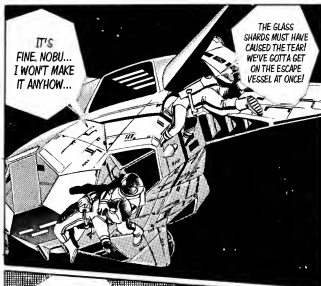
BORIS!?  
YOU  
ALRIGHT!?



SARAH IS  
DEAD...

SARAH  
IS...





IT'S  
FINE, NOBU...  
I WON'T MAKE  
IT ANYHOW...

THE GLASS  
SHARDS MUST HAVE  
CAUSED THE TEAR!  
WE'VE GOTTA GET  
ON THE ESCAPE  
VESSEL AT ONCE!



BORIS!  
THERE'S A TEAR  
IN YOUR SUIT!  
YOUR OXYGEN  
IS ESCAPING!



JUST LEAVE ME  
BEHIND HERE...



G...  
GORI!?

HAHA...  
BOTH OF YOU'LL  
SOON BE DEAD  
IF YOU LOITER  
AROUND HERE  
ANY LONGER!







I MANAGED  
TO PUT MY  
HELMET ON  
IN THE NICK  
OF TIME.



OH NO!  
IT MUST BE  
ALL OUT OF  
FUEL!





S...  
SHIT, THAT  
BASTARD!



ALL WE  
HAVE TO DO IS  
HIT GORI FROM  
THE FRONT...

THE ESCAPE  
VESSEL IS  
DIRECTLY  
BEHIND US...



CALM  
DOWN, NOBU.  
YOU STILL HAVE  
A CHANCE!



NOW, NOBU!  
USE THIS!



HAHAHA!  
STRUGGLE TO  
YOUR LAST  
BREATH!





GORI! A PIECE  
OF SHIT LIKE  
YOU DOESN'T  
HAVE THE RIGHT  
TO GET OUT OF  
THIS ALIVE!

AGHHH!



Even in the vacuum of space, it is actually possible to fire a gun. However, the recoil from the shot can cause one to unexpectedly fly backwards.







BORIS... SARAH... AND ALL  
THE OTHER HUMANS WHO ALL  
DIED WHILE CONFRONTING  
CHALLENGES FAR GREATER  
THAN THEM...

I NOW UNDERSTAND THE  
COUNTLESS STRUGGLES FOR  
WHICH WE HUMANS DIED FOR  
AND I, TOO, WILL INHERIT  
YOUR WILL...

EVEN IN THE  
VASTNESS OF SPACE,  
WE HUMANS ARE NOT  
AN INSIGNIFICANT  
SPECK OF  
EXISTENCE!

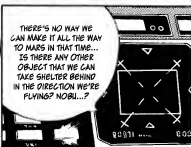
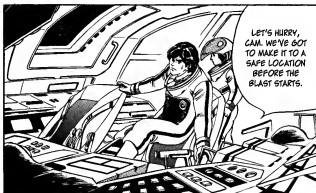
WHAT'S TRULY  
GREAT AND ETERNAL  
IS THE CONNECTED  
HUMAN PAST,  
PRESENT, AND  
FUTURE!

**I'LL  
TAKE YOU  
IN THE SHIP  
RIGHT NOW!**

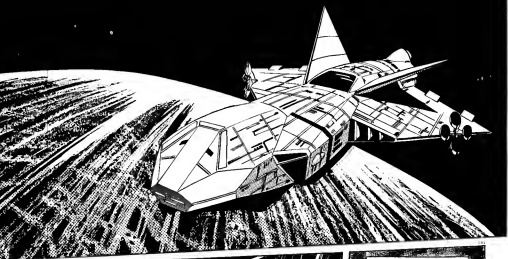
**NOBU!  
YOU'RE  
ALIVE!**

Just as Boris  
had planned, the  
recoil from the gun  
managed to propel  
Nobu all the way to  
the escape vessel.

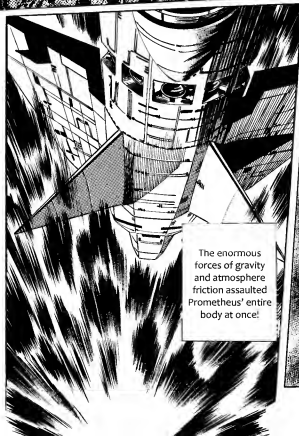




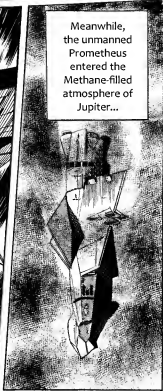




Meanwhile,  
the unmanned  
Prometheus  
entered the  
Methane-filled  
atmosphere of  
Jupiter...




The enormous  
forces of gravity  
and atmosphere  
friction assaulted  
Prometheus' entire  
body at once!





Perhaps it was its last-ditch effort of resistance against the planet named after the king of the gods.



That section was the heart of Prometheus, the nuclear reactor chamber that had been reinforced to protect it against all manner of possible accidents!



Even as Prometheus' main body was ripped asunder, there was still one section of the ship that refused to quit.

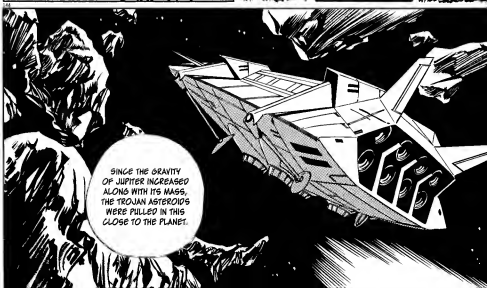


It charged  
resolutely forward  
towards the  
hydrogen sea, all  
the while enduring  
the intense heat  
of atmospheric  
pressure.

A few  
seconds later, it  
successfully crashed  
and initiated the  
chain of explosions  
covering the whole  
planet...



As if  
personifying  
the burning  
human spirit to  
never surrender  
in the face of a  
challenge...!

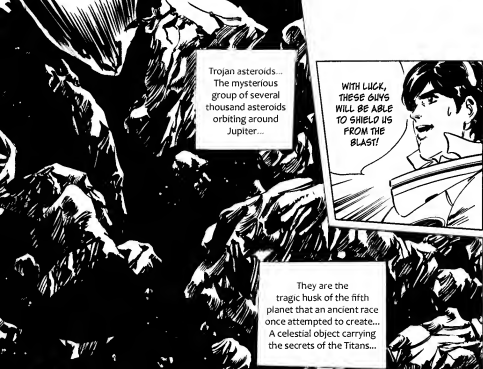




Trojan asteroids...  
The mysterious  
group of several  
thousand asteroids  
orbiting around  
Jupiter...



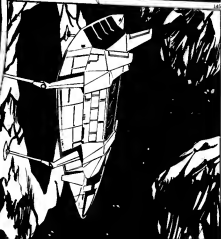
WITH LUCK,  
THESE GUYS  
WILL BE ABLE  
TO SHIELD US  
FROM THE  
BLAST!



They are the  
tragic husk of the fifth  
planet that an ancient race  
once attempted to create...  
A celestial object carrying  
the secrets of the Titans...



ALL CREW  
MEMBERS!  
PREPARE  
FOR  
IMPACT!









In 1982, the Solar system, as well as Earth, was basked with a new source of warm light...



With the successful completion of its Jupiter Detonation project...!



The inhabitants of Earth at last became aware of Pole Base's secret plan,



On its path  
towards the  
giants...



There was now no  
stopping or turning back...  
For since hundreds of  
thousands of years ago,  
humankind had already  
set out...



HMM?



OH,  
RIGHT...



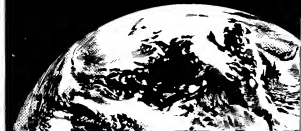
THE  
CRAFT IS NOW  
SCHEDULED  
TO RETURN  
TO EARTH!

ALL  
PASSENGERS!  
YOUR  
ATTENTION,  
PLEASE!

The path to the giants...  
It is a path without an  
end. For as long as  
humans exist, their love,  
hatred, and folly will  
never extinguish, but  
simply be inherited by  
a new generation...



An endless path  
surpassing time, space,  
and even the gods...  
This path continues to  
tell the epic story of  
humanity's past,  
present, and future  
struggles and its  
relentless will...



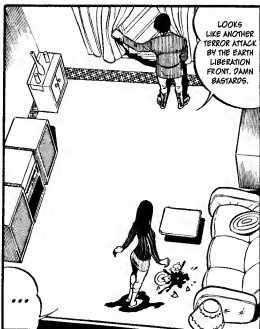


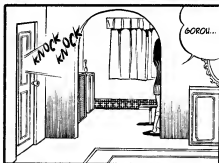
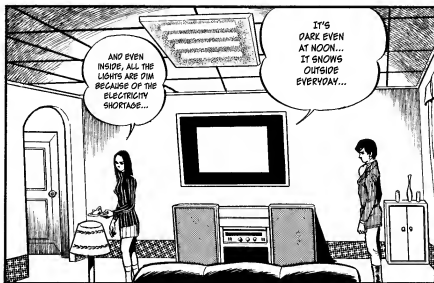




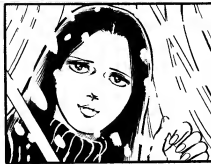
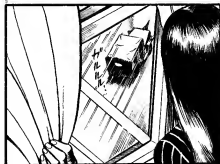
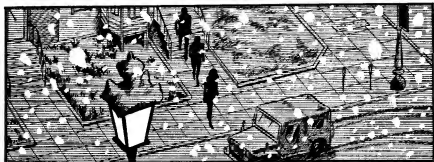
**Icarus  
Asteroid**









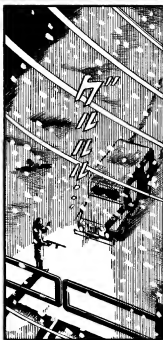


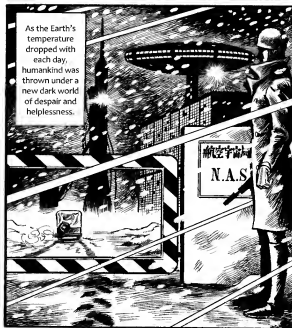


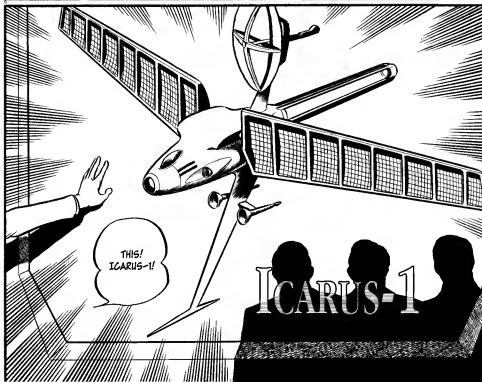
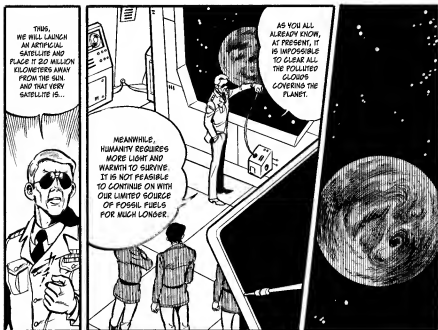


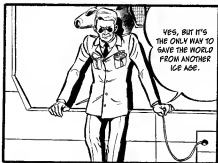
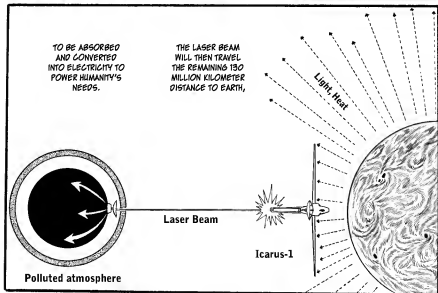
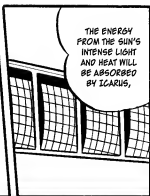
In 1987, the world was visited by an abnormally cold climate, popularly called a quasi-ice age...

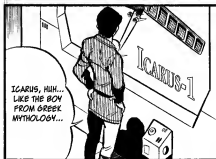
PLEASE  
SHOW US  
YOUR  
10s.

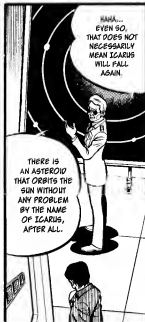












HAHA...  
EVEN SO,  
THAT DOES NOT  
NECESSARILY  
MEAN ICARUS  
WILL FALL  
AGAIN.

THERE IS  
AN ASTEROID  
THAT ORBITS  
THE SUN WITHOUT  
ANY PROBLEM  
BY THE NAME  
OF ICARUS,  
AFTER ALL.



THE BOY WHOSE  
WINGS MELTED AWAY  
WHEN HE FLEW TOO  
CLOSE TO THE SUN,  
THUS FALLING INTO THE  
SEA AND DROWNING...  
AN OMINOUS NAME,  
ISN'T IT?

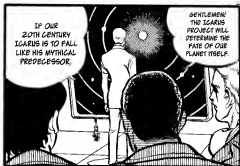


IT WILL NOT  
BE THE SEA YOU  
FALL INTO, BUT  
THE BURNING SUN.  
KEEP THIS WELL  
AS YOU CARRY OUT  
THE MISSION!



COULD THIS  
PERHAPS  
BE FATE AT  
WORK?

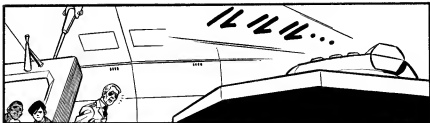
AH, NOW  
THAT YOU MENTION IT,  
THE ICARUS ASTEROID  
SHOULD BE NEARING  
EARTH FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN 19 YEARS.

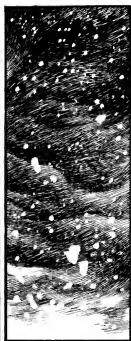


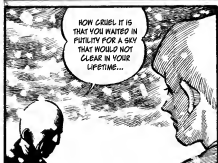
IF OUR  
20TH CENTURY  
ICARUS IS TO FALL  
LIKE HIS MYTHICAL  
PREDECESSOR.

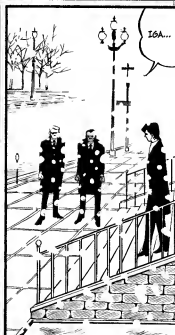
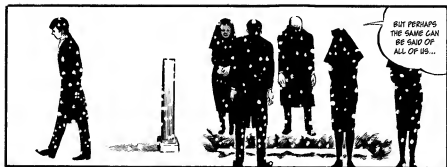
GENTLEMEN!  
THE ICARUS  
PROJECT WILL  
DETERMINE THE  
FATE OF OUR  
PLANET ITSELF.

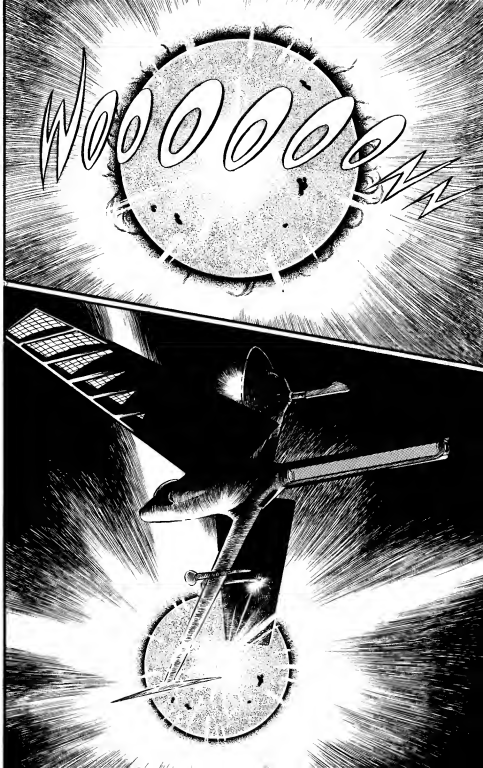


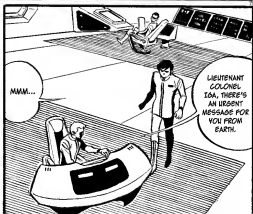
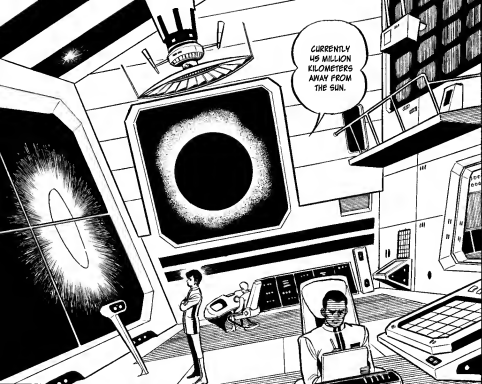


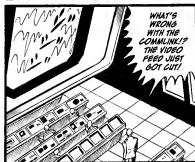




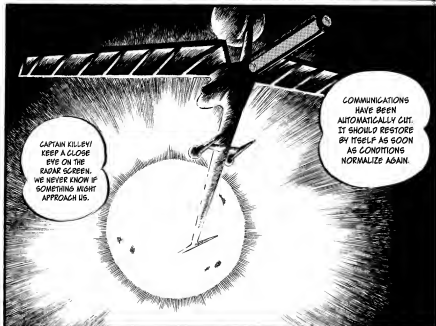
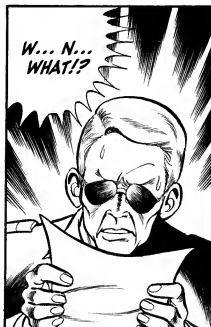






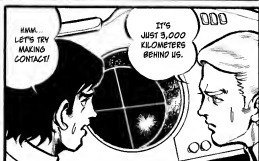


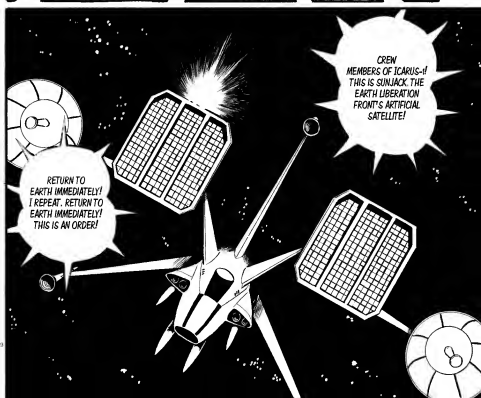
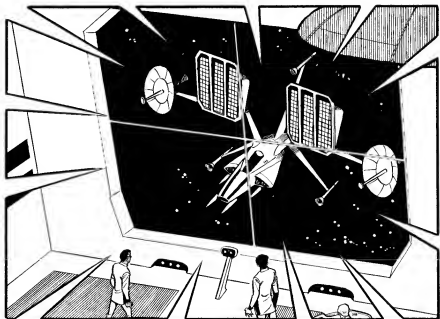
\*Dellinger effect: The disrupting effect that intense ultraviolet and x-ray radiation, emitted by a solar flare, has on radio communications by exciting particles in the lower atmosphere to the ionosphere, which then absorb radio waves.













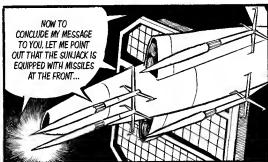


SO REPLY  
AT ONCE! WILL  
YOU CHOOSE  
TO TURN BACK  
OR DIE!?



H-HOW  
CAN YOU  
EVEN THINK  
OF SUCH A  
THING!?

OH, THAT IS ENTIRELY INTENTIONAL.  
WE WILL ONLY GIVE ENERGY TO  
COUNTRIES WE DEEM WORTHY.  
WE'VE ALREADY STATED THIS INTENT  
IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO ALL  
THE WORLD'S COUNTRIES.



NOW TO  
CONCLUDE MY MESSAGE  
TO YOU, LET ME POINT  
OUT THAT THE SUNJACK IS  
EQUIPPED WITH MISSILES  
AT THE FRONT...



I'D  
RATHER  
DIE THAN  
LISTEN  
TO YOU  
BASTARDS!

IS  
THIS!



MY  
REPLY...



IF WE  
REFUSE THEIR  
DEMANDS,  
WE'LL DIE  
FOR CERTAIN!

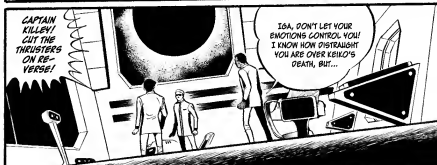
THE  
ICARUS  
DOESN'T  
HAVE ANY  
WEAPONS.

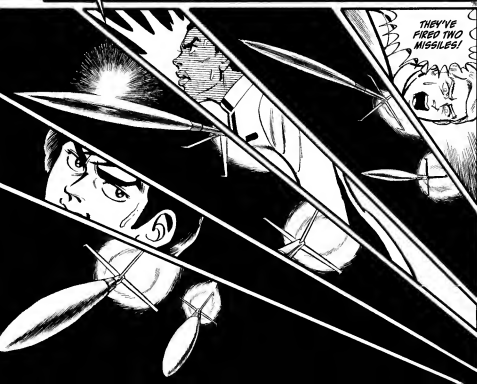
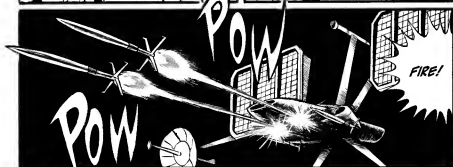


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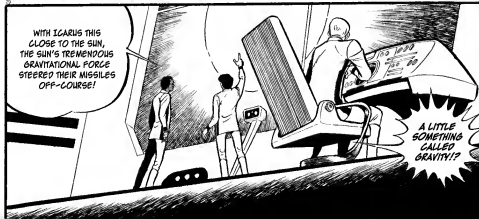
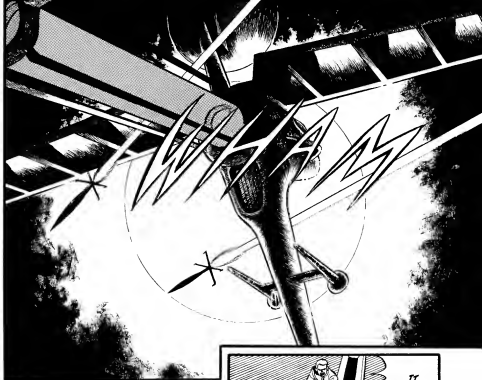
NO WAIT, IGA!  
MAYBE WE  
SHOULD COMPLY  
TEMPORARILY  
FOR NOW.

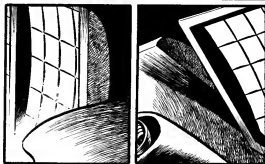
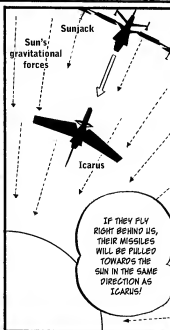
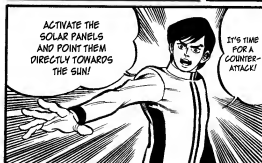


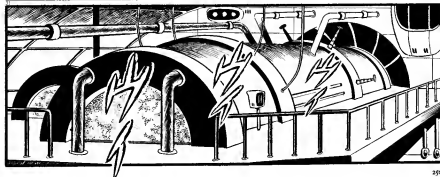
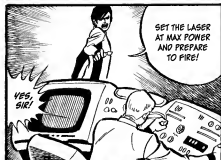
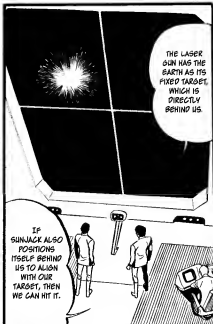
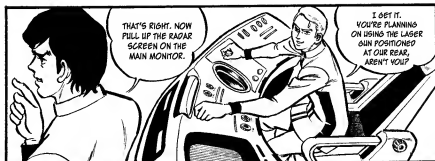


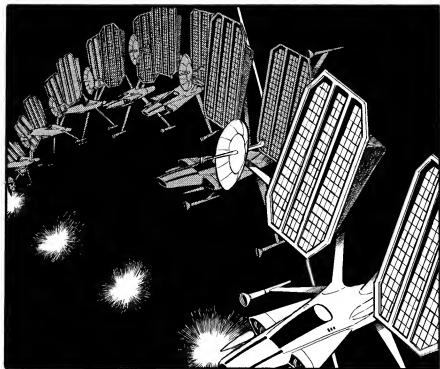




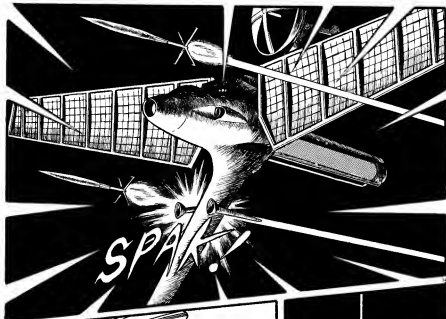










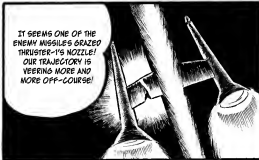




WE'RE NOT  
GAINING  
ENOUGH  
THRUST!



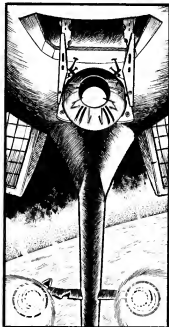
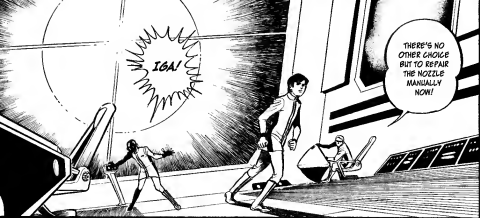
WHAT'S  
WRONG!?



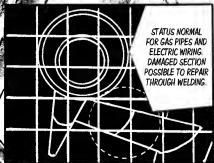
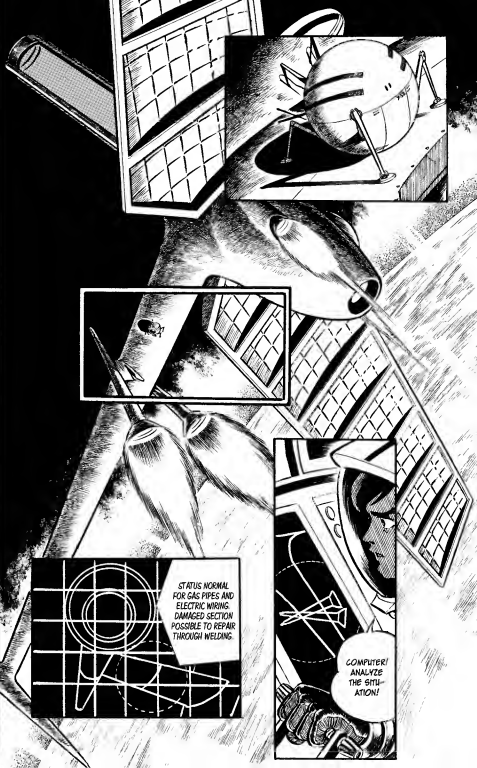
IT SEEMS ONE OF THE  
ENEMY MISSILES GRAZED  
THRUSTER-1'S NOZZLE!  
OUR TRAJECTORY IS  
VEERING MORE AND  
MORE OFF-COURSE!



AT  
THIS RATE,  
OUR ORBIT  
OF THE SUN IS  
GOING TO BE  
PULLED CLOSER  
AND CLOSER  
UNTIL....



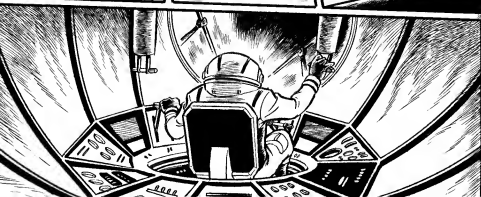
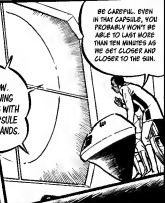
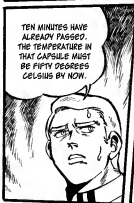
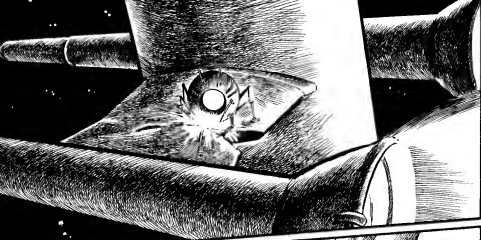




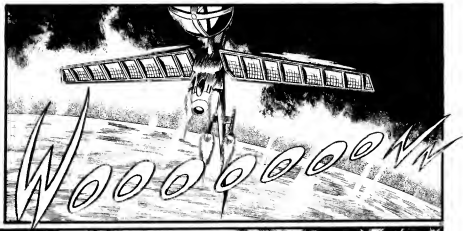
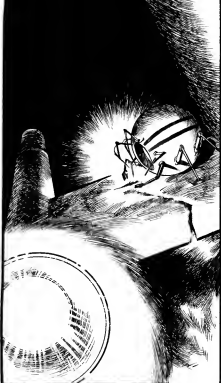
STATUS NORMAL  
FOR GAS PIPES AND  
ELECTRIC WIRING.  
DAMAGED SECTION  
POSSIBLE TO REPAIR  
THROUGH WELDING.



COMPUTER!  
ANALYZE  
THE SITU-  
ATION!



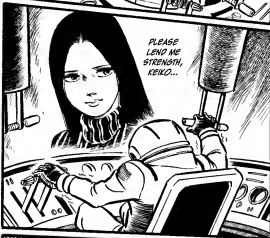
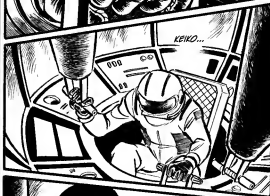


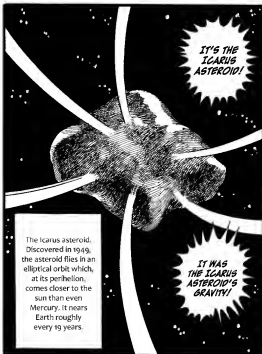




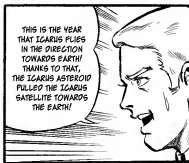
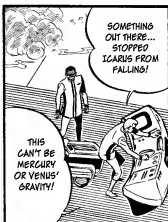


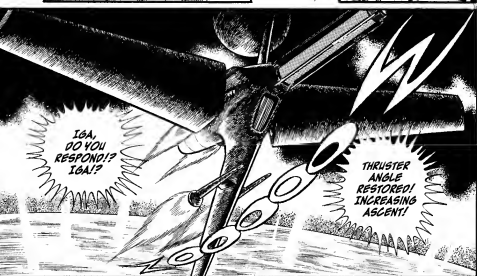
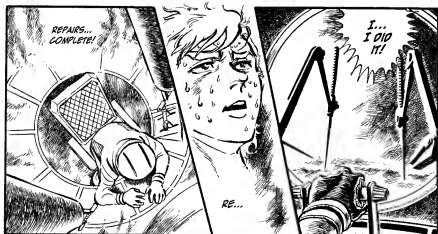
WHERE'S  
THIS FORCE  
COMING  
FROM!?





The Icarus asteroid. Discovered in 1949, the asteroid flies in an elliptical orbit which, at its perihelion, comes closer to the sun than even Mercury. It nears Earth roughly every 19 years.









The duty of  
supporting Earth  
until the day  
the sun's light  
can naturally  
penetrate its  
shites.



R...  
RIGHT...



WELL,  
THE REPAIRS  
ARE FINISHED  
SO WE SHOULD  
BEGIN THE ENERGY  
TRANSFER BACK  
TO EARTH.



STOP  
CRYING!



IGA...  
COMPLETED  
HIS MISSION  
AND RETURNED  
TO EARTH...

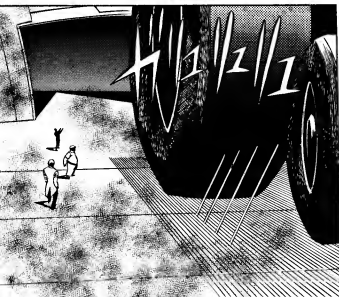
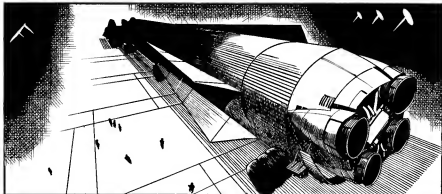


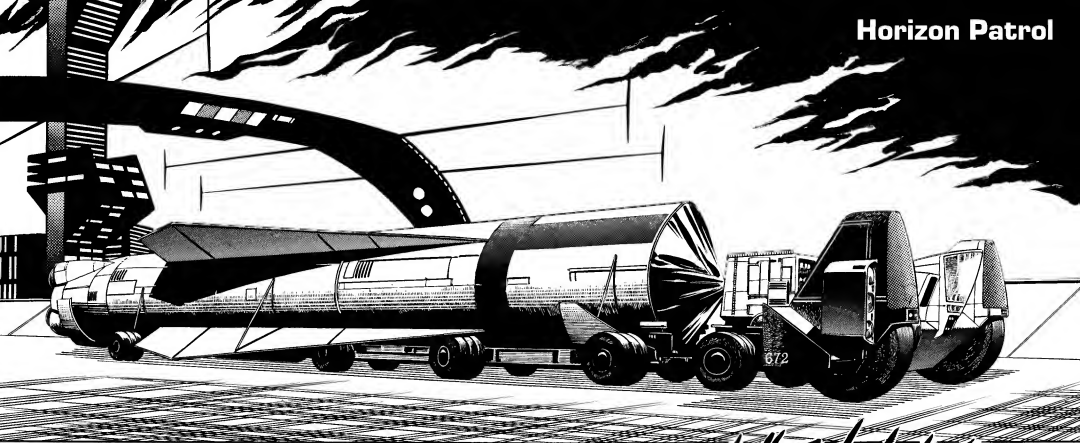
Icarus-1  
Spaceflight Log:  
Just now, the requested  
rocket from Earth  
made rendezvous with  
Icarus to carry off our  
brave crew member...  
It would be more  
appropriate to send  
him off with a renewed  
sense of duty than  
with tears.





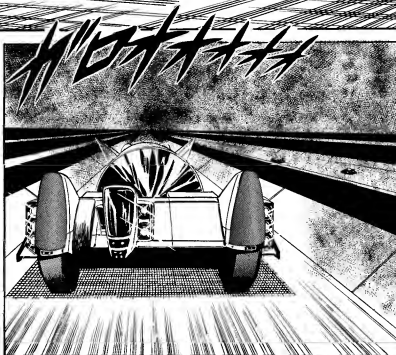
## Horizon Patrol

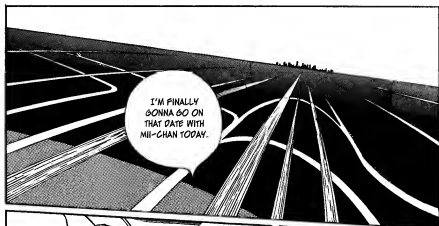




Perhaps one could even say that the roads, in their rapid and endless increase in complexity, were literally starting to run wild...

In the 1990s, as transportation networks multiplied ever more, roads became even more complicated to allow for faster and faster transportation.





I'M FINALLY  
GONNA GO ON  
THAT DATE WITH  
MII-CHAN TODAY.

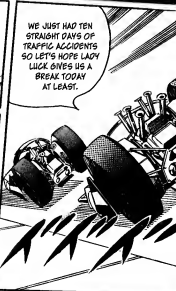


I'LL EVEN  
MAKE A BET.

OH, THERE'LL  
BE AN ACCIDENT  
TODAY AS WELL  
FOR SURE.



FINE,  
I'LL TAKE  
YOU ON  
THAT BET.  
FIVE  
DOLLARS!

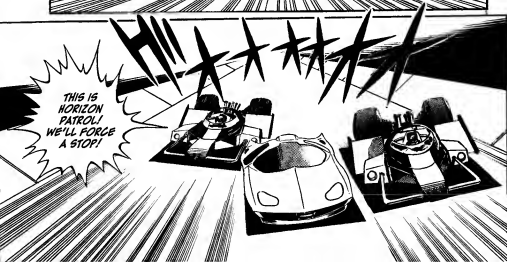
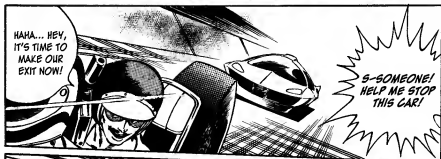


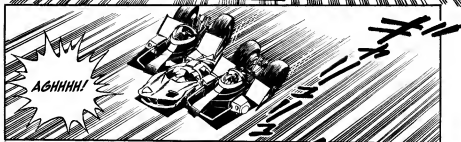
WE JUST HAD TEN  
STRAIGHT DAYS OF  
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS  
SO LET'S HOPE LADY  
LUCK GIVES US A  
BREAK TODAY  
AT LEAST.



ROGER THAT!  
SHIT, GUESS I  
ALREADY OWE  
YOU FIVE BUCKS,  
YOSHIMURA!

HORIZON PATROL VEHICLE 787  
AND 501! THERE'S A PINK SEDAN ON  
LANE-6 GOING OUT OF CONTROL!  
REPORT TO THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY!



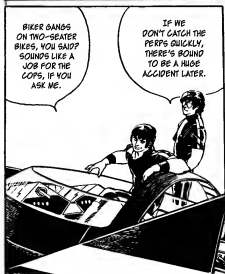
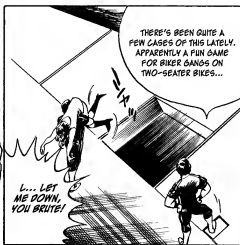


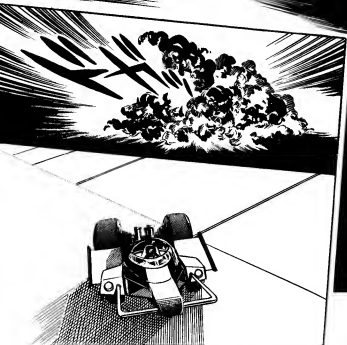
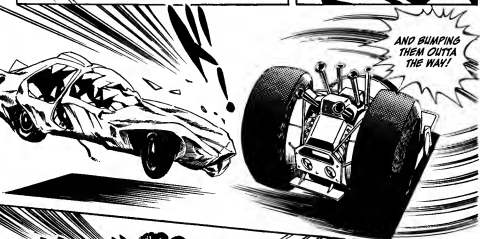


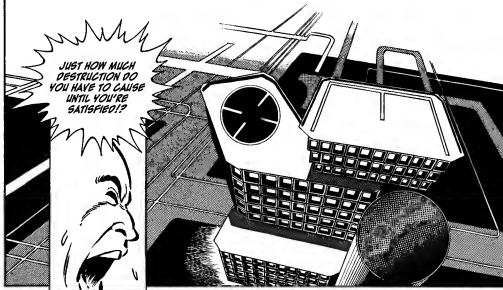


PROBABLY WITHOUT HER KNOWING, TOO... DID YOU NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL, NESS?







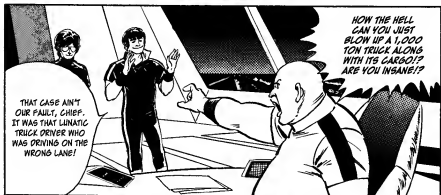


JUST HOW MUCH  
DESTRUCTION DO  
YOU HAVE TO CAUSE  
UNTIL YOU'RE  
SATISFIED!?



BEFORE THAT WAS THE  
INCIDENT WHERE YOU BLEW  
UP A TRUCK BELONGING  
TO NOTLANT INDUSTRIES!  
THEIR PRESIDENT ALSO  
SAID HE'D BE FILING  
LEGAL CHARGES!

SOME WOMAN WHO  
JUST GOT SENT OFF TO  
A TREATMENT CENTER IS  
SUING US FOR DAMAGE  
COMPENSATION!



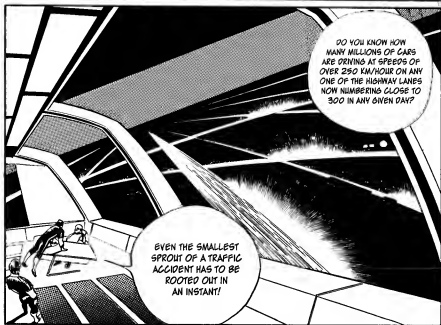
THAT CASE AIN'T  
OUR FAULT, CHIEF.  
IT WAS THAT LUNATIC  
TRUCK DRIVER WHO  
WAS DRIVING ON THE  
WRONG LANE!

HOW THE HELL  
CAN YOU JUST  
BLOW UP A 1,000  
TON TRUCK ALONG  
WITH ITS CARGO!?  
ARE YOU INSANE!?



TECHNICALLY  
52 SECONDS,  
BUT YES.

IF WE'D KNOCKED  
THAT TRUCK OFF THE  
ROAD EVEN A MINUTE LATER,  
IT'D HAVE MADE A FRONTAL  
COLLISION WITH A SCHOOL  
BUS. RIGHT, YOSHIMURA?





ANY DANGEROUS SIGNS ON THE HIGHWAYS TODAY?



MIL-CHAN!

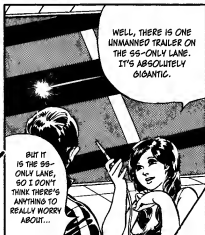


HA... THERE GOES NESS, TEASING THE BOSS AGAIN.

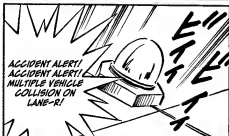


WELL, THERE IS ONE UNMANNED TRAILER ON THE SS-ONLY LANE. IT'S ABSOLUTELY GIGANTIC.

BUT IT IS THE SS-ONLY LANE, SO I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING TO REALLY WORRY ABOUT...



ACCIDENT ALERT!  
ACCIDENT ALERT!  
MULTIPLE VEHICLE  
COLLISION ON  
LANE-R!

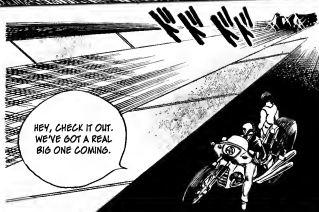
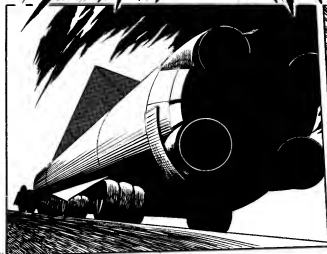
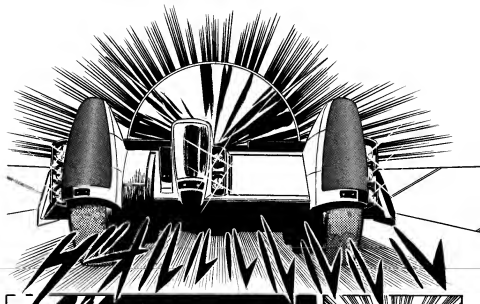


A LARGE PILE-UP IS FORMED BEHIND A CAR WITH A BURST TIRE! ALL PATROL HORIZON CREW ON STANDBY ARE TO REPORT TO THE SCENE AT ONCE!

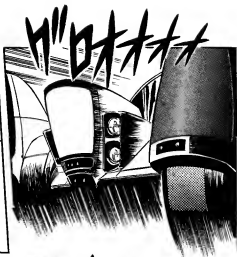
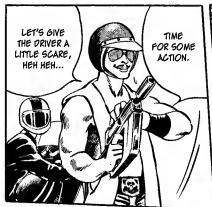
LANE-R? HMM, THAT'S ALSO THE LANE RIGHT NEXT TO THE ONE THE UNMANNED TRAILER IS DRIVING ON...

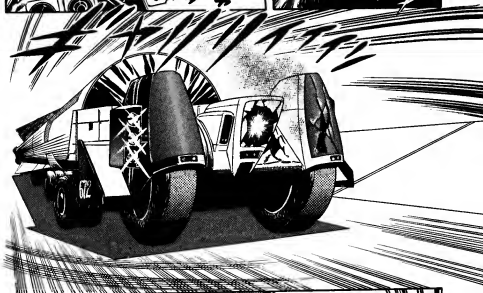
DAMN IT! JUST WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO ASK HER OUT TOO!

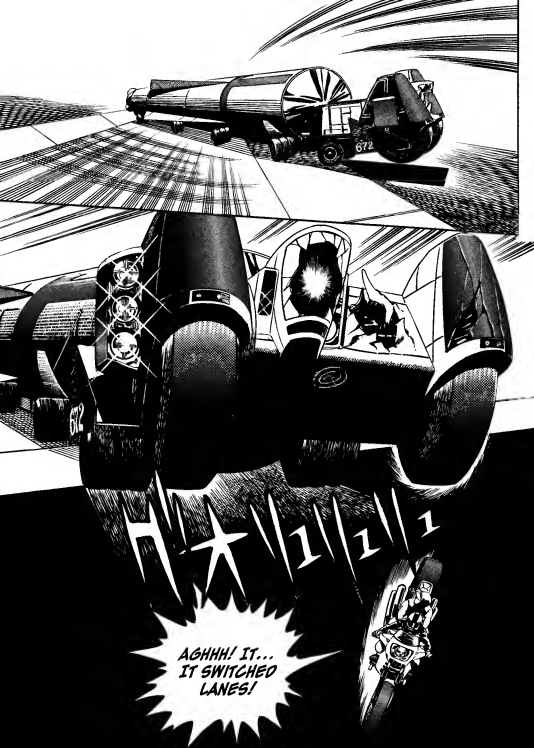


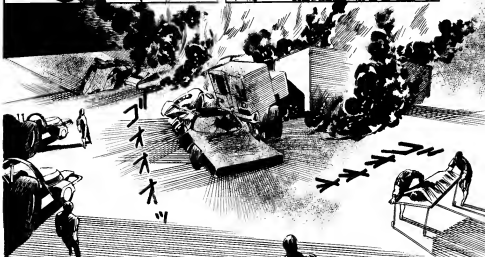


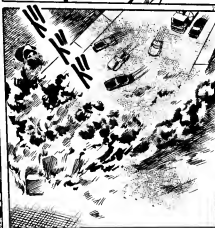


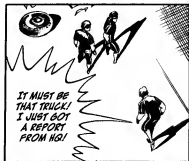


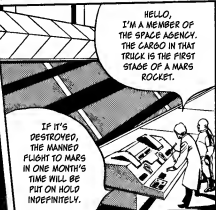
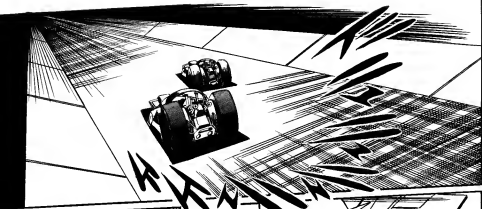


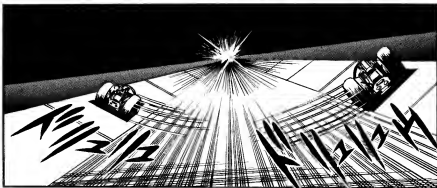






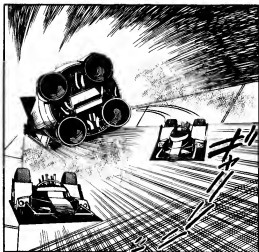










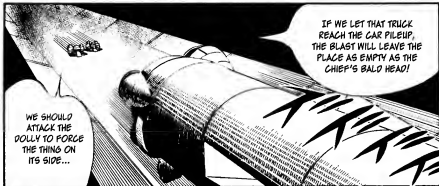


SHIT! WE  
GOTTA TURN  
AROUND!

I BET IT WAS  
THOSE BASTARDS  
WHO MESSED WITH  
THE AUTOPILOT  
COMPUTER IN THE  
FIRST PLACE...



SON  
OF A BITCH!  
THE DAMN BIKE  
IS BLOCKING  
THE TARGET!



WE SHOULD  
ATTACK THE  
DOLLY TO FORCE  
THE THING ON  
ITS SIDE...

IF WE LET THAT TRUCK  
REACH THE CAR PILEUP,  
THE BLAST WILL LEAVE THE  
PLACE AS EMPTY AS THE  
CHIEF'S BALD HEAD!

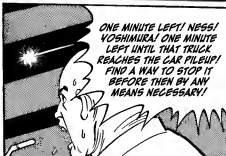
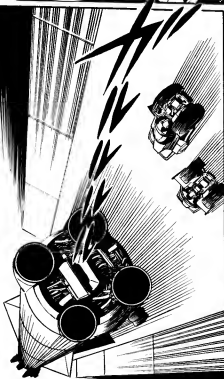


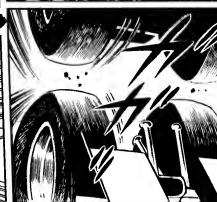
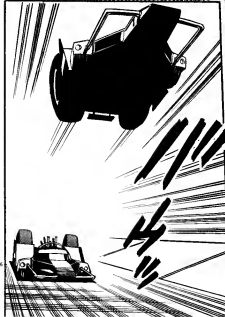
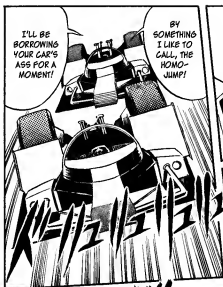
N...  
NO PLEASE,  
NOT THAT!  
THE ROCKET'S  
MECHANISM  
WILL BREAK!

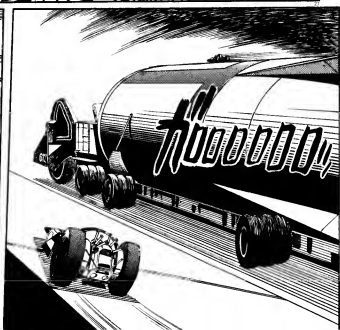
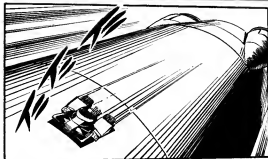
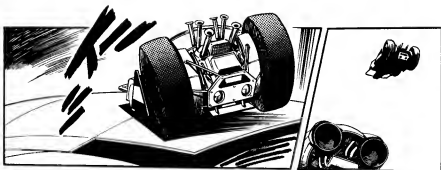


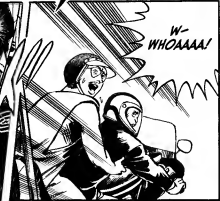
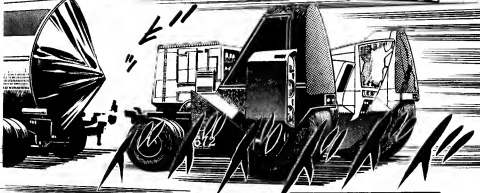
THE MARS  
ROCKET REPRESENTS THE  
SOLUTION TO HUMANITY'S AILINGS!  
IT WILL LIFT OUR COLLECTIVE  
SPIRIT TO THE STARS AND WE WILL  
DREAM FREELY ONCE AGAIN!

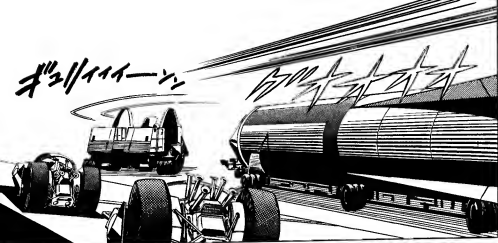
HUMANITY IS SUFFERING  
RIGHT NOW, NESS...  
CIVILIZATION IS WASTING  
AWAY AS OUR PROGRESS,  
RESTRAINED ON EARTH,  
GROWS CHAOTICALLY...







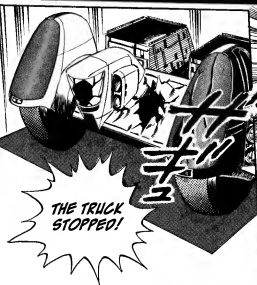




LOOK,  
YOSHI-  
MURA!



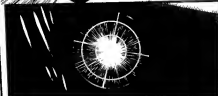
IT'S NO GOOD, NESS!  
THE ROCKET'S STILL  
MOVING ON ITS OWN  
FROM INERTIA AND THE  
TRUCK'S STILL RACING!

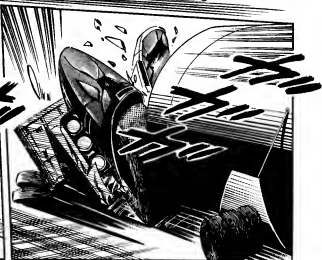
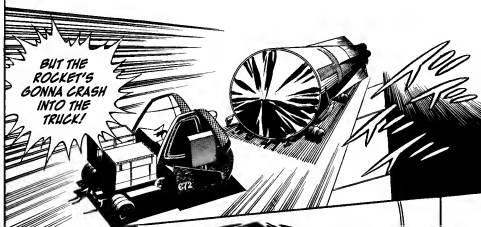


THE TRUCK  
STOPPED!

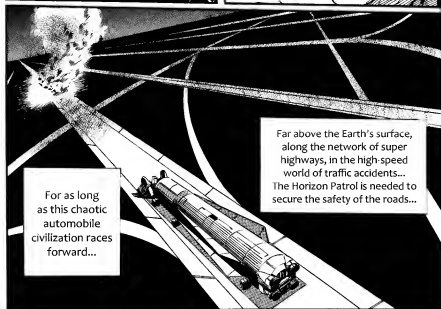
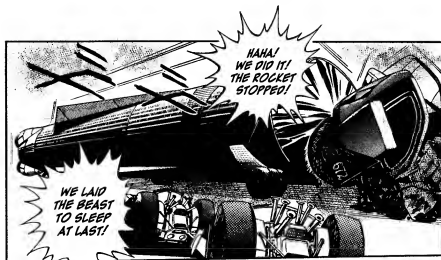


A  
CLEAR  
LINE  
OF SHOT  
TO THE  
TARGET!









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